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Subject: RE: 10/01780/HYBRID NW Bicester Eco Town

FAO: Jenny Barker

Dear Mrs Barker

Planning Ref: 10/01780/HYBRID NW Bicester Eco Town.

Thank you for consulting me with regards to the Ecology and Landscape Management Plan (ELMP) relating to the planning application above. I have reviewed the documents supplied and have the following observations to make:

- I would like to see a statement somewhere within the ELMP that the features it covers and the management thereof will not, through their design or maintenance, have an adverse affect community safety or the security of people and property.
- In relation to both hard and soft landscaping, I would like to see assurances that these will not impinge upon natural surveillance or lighting, will not create hiding places or areas where criminal or anti social activity can take place easily and, that the creation of areas of ambiguous ownership will be avoided.
- Related to the above point, I note on page 23, in relation to Community Streets etc. that 'General security' is listed as one of the inspection review points and I commend this inclusion. The section goes on to say; *'Remedial action identified during these inspections will be undertaken as required to ensure that these areas provide a safe environment'*. I commend this statement also but would prefer to see it amended to say that a 'safe and secure' environment will be created and maintained.
- The provision of open spaces, LAPs and LEAPs and MUGAs etc. is included in the ELMP but there appears to be no mention of facilities specifically for youth. I suggest that such features do form part of the proposals, if indeed, they do not already as they can have positive effects on community cohesion. All recreational facilities require careful design in relation to equipment selection, boundary treatment, lighting, landscaping etc. Designs should promote the ownership and enjoyment of users as well as user safety/security and should deter antisocial behaviour and criminal damage. Again, I note on page 24 the same inclusions of commendable wording as mentioned in the last point. And again, I make the same recommendation for the inclusion of the word 'secure' within the appropriate sentence as above.
- Finally, I note and applaud that one of the aims and objectives of the ELMP (page 4) is to create 'Ownership'. However, there appears to be no mention of how this ownership will be created and maintained. I suggest that a short explanation as to how this will be achieved is included within the document.

I hope that you find my comments of assistance. If you or the applicants have any queries relating to crime prevention design in relation to the ELMP, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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