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Dear Sir

Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2032

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an input into the Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2032.

I am a Crime Prevention Design Advisor for Dorset Police and part of my role is to offer advice and guidance to architects, developers and local authority planners on how the built environment can influence crime and disorder.

Having reviewed the plan, it correctly states that the areas mentioned have low crime rates, however, with more people moving into the County of Dorset over the next 10 years we must not become complacent.

It is clear to see from the document that any new homes that are built will be of a sustainable high quality design and be in keeping with the established character of the area. Unfortunately, there appears to be no mention of security especially Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act which places a clear and legal obligation on local authorities to consider crime prevention in every function they take including planning. National Planning Practice Guidance on Design reminds practitioners that local authorities are duty bound to adhere to this and do all they can to prevent crime and disorder. By improving safety, security and wellbeing of those who live and work in these areas is a major part to ensure sustainability and for people to live happily for years to come.



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I would also like to bring to your attention Secured By Design (SBD) which is the official Police security initiative. I would strongly recommend that the security of any new dwelling or development meets the standards laid out in the SBD guidance.

The environmental benefits of SBD are supported by academic research proving that SBD housing experience up to 87% less burglary, 25% less vehicle crime and 25% less criminal damage.

Developers around the UK can receive SBD awards for incorporating crime prevention measures and techniques into their housing schemes. More information can be found at www.securedbydesign.com Ideally, the Police would like every new home to meet the security specifications set out by SBD.

I would also like to see the measures that have been taken to design out crime included in the Design and Access statement.

Dorset Police also encourages the Council to involve the Crime Prevention Design Advisor at the early stages of the planning process.

If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Yours faithfully

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