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Neath Port Talbot Planning

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Application Number P2025/0754 .

Having reviewed the drawings in respect of the above planning application I would have the following observations to make:

(i). Side and rear boundaries.

The side and rear of the nursing home should be protected by walls/fencing and gates. They should be robust, at least 1.8 metres high and designed to be difficult to climb over. There must be no assists to climbing adjacent to the perimeter security.

Gates must be lockable both sides with a key, the same height as the adjacent walls/fencing and sited at, or as near to, the front building line of the care home as possible.

The rear and side gardens of the home must be secure areas.

Reason To prevent burglary and anti-social behaviour.

Prif Gwnstabl | Chief Constable Jeremy Vaughan

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(ii). Landscaping.

Plants or bushes should only grow to a maximum height of 1 metre. Trees should have no branches below 2 metres from the ground.

Reason – To prevent and reduce the fear of crime.

(iii). Vehicle parking areas.

The vehicle parking bays should be overlooked by rooms in the nursing home.

The bays must be well illuminated during the hours of darkness.

Ideally, they would be protected by CCTV.

Reason – To prevent auto crime.

(iv). Bicycle stores.

Bike stores must be secure areas, lit and ideally overlooked by rooms in the building (please visit www.securedbydesign.com for more information).

Reason -To prevent bike theft.

(v). Security lighting.

The whole outside of the nursing home, vehicle parking bays, cycle stores and bin stores must be lit, during the hours of darkness, with the lighting effective.

Lighting must be controlled by photo electric cells or time switches. Lighting must enhance and compliment CCTV if it is installed on site.

Reason- To prevent crime and the fear of crime.

(vi). CCTV.

CCTV should be installed on site. It should protect the main entrances onto site and



into the nursing home, the vehicle parking area and bike and bin stores. Recording equipment must be kept in secure storage cabinets.

Reason – To detect and deter crime.

(vii). Bin storage.

Bins must be kept in secure areas and ideally located away from the building. Bin store areas must be lit.

Reason – To prevent arson.

(viii). Drainpipes.

Drainpipes must be located within the fabric of the building or of a design, e.g. flush fitting, to prevent climbing.

Reason – To prevent access to the roof.

(ix). Door security.

The external doors of the care home and doors protecting rooms where valuable information or property is stored e.g., offices, should meet the standard PAS 24 2022, or equivalent. Ideally, they would be third party tested and certificated by a UKAS accredited test house.

Glass fitted in or adjacent to external door panels must be laminated and doors in recesses of more than 600 mm deep must be avoided.

Fire doors must have no external furniture fitted and be alarmed.

Reason – To prevent burglary.

(x). Window security.

All vulnerable windows fitted, should meet the standard PAS 24 2022 or equivalent



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and be third party tested and certificated.

Reason – To prevent burglary.

(xi). Access control.

Access into the care home must be controlled by access control with audio and visual verification fitted.

Reason – To protect residents and prevent opportunist crime.

Further detailed information can be found on the website www.securedbydesign.com

If you require discussing any issues raised as a result of this report please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Mike Harvey

Designing out Crime Officer

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