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Re: Biopark Broadwater Road

Dear Planning,

Thank you for sight of this application on which I comment from a crime prevention perspective only. I have read the supplied documentation and I have attended the location on previous occasions. I have also consulted with the architectural team involved in the designs.

The general area of Broadwater Road is changing in character from a commercial area to residential with new, predominantly high-rise homes being built in a relatively small area at a very high concentration.

As well as the opportunity for new homes, there will inevitably be opportunities for criminals and crime and it is with this in mind that I am very keen that all the new homes in this area be built with modern crime reducing features. Ideally, they should be built to the police preferred minimum security standard that is the academically proven Secured by Design (SBD).

A large amount of the residential housing in this area has already been built to this standard and as a result has existed for some years now with an almost total absence of crime, which is something all parties should be very pleased with, not least the new occupiers of the housing.

The proposed new housing will present many challenges if the compact area is to be as crime free as is possible and so I am particularly pleased to acknowledge that that the architectural team have shown a willingness to embrace the concept of SBD and have included a section on this desire within the Design and Access Statement (Pg.115).

The intention is to incorporate the ideas and standards of SBD and to apply for accreditation under the scheme should the plans go ahead.

On this basis and the fact that these measures will address the many concerns I have regarding this development, at this stage I am able to fully support the application from a crime prevention and safety aspect.

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