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Subject: 24/02021/FUL - 25 - 27 Market Square St Neots PE19 2AR

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Good morning,

For the attention of: [redacted]

Our reference: CPDT/773/2024

Your reference: 24/02021/FUL

Proposal: Reinstating two no. retail units

Location: 25 - 27 Market Square St Neots PE19 2AR

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. I have viewed the documents in relation to crime, disorder, and the fear of crime. I have searched the Constabulary crime and incident systems covering location and Eynesbury Ward for the last 2 years and I would consider the proposed location to be an area of medium to high risk to the vulnerability to crime based on the figures below.

Total Crime →	**Market Square - 73**	**Eynesbury Ward - 1803**
Criminal Damage	12	227
Robbery	1	24
Theft from person	6	26
Bicycle Theft	5	53
Theft from a vehicle	0	39
Theft of a vehicle	1	23
Vehicle Interference	0	22
Public Order	9	143
Burglary Business	0	26
Burglary Dwelling	0	42
Possession of drugs	0	55
Theft other	6	135
Trafficking of drugs	0	19
Possession of weapons	2	31

Violence (including Stalking/Harassment)	25	755
Incident:		**2614**
Rowdy Nuisance		101
Vehicle Nuisance / Stolen Vehicle		76
Suspicious Circumstances		312
Shoplifting		12
Begging / St Drinking		3
Theft / Crime Other		40

There is no mention of security or crime prevention within the Design and Access Statement (DAS). It is important that these are considered and discussed at the earliest opportunity to ensure that the security of buildings, amenity space and the environment provide a safe place for people working in and visiting this location.

NPPF Para 135(f) states - Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments - *create places that are safe, inclusive, and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience*.

There is limited information available to view, with this in mind, I have the following comments for your consideration.

- **Lighting -** There must be LED dusk to dawn wall mounted lights above each entrance/exit doors. I would like to see a lighting plan, including lux levels and calculations when available.

- **CCTV – Internal/External/Passageway -** While it is not a universal solution to security problems, it can help deter vandalism or burglary and assist with the identification of culprits once a crime has been committed. The provision and effective use of CCTV fits well within the overall framework of security management and is most effective when it forms part of an overall security plan. Staff should be well trained and know how to extract footage should it be required for evidential purposes.

- **Signage (CCTV**) - These signs should conform to the Information Commissioners Office regulations and placed in relevant areas around the site, including the main entrance/s.

- **Alarm -** Our recommendation is that a monitored alarm system is installed. Visit the National Security Inspectorate (NSI), or the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB) for more information.

- **External Doors -** including fire doors should be security tested to one of the following standards:
    - STS202 Issue 10:2021 Burglary Rating 2
    - LPS1175 Issue7.2 2014 Security Rating 2+
    - LPS1175 Issue 8:2018 Security Rating A3+
    - LPS2081 Issue 1.1 Security Rating B
    - STS 202 Issue 1:2021
    - PAS24:2016 / 2022

*PAS 24:2016 has been withdrawn by the British Standards Institute and replaced by PAS 24:2022, however PAS 24:2016 will continue to be an acceptable route to compliance until 31st December 2024

- **Windows, roof windows and roof lights** - all ground floor and easily accessible windows, shall be certificated to one of the following standards:
    - PAS 24 – 2016* or 2022 or
    - STS 204 Issue 6:2016 or
    - LPS 1175 Issue 7.2 (2014) Security Rating 1 or
    - LPS 1175 Issue 8:2018 Security Rating 1/A1, or
    - STS 202 Issue 10 (2021) Burglary Rating 1 or
    - LPS 2081 Issue 1.1:2016 Security Rating A or
    - STS 222 Issue 1:2021

- **Boundary Treatment (Side External Passageway)** – It would appear to be a controlled area; can you confirm how the gate is currently locked. This would benefit from using a self-closer/maglock with a push to release button on the inside to allow for easy egress if required. This button must have a guard to prevent anyone externally from reaching in to open the gate.

- **Access Control –** There should be fob/card access readers for any staff-controlled areas, this is to prevent free flow for unauthorised persons, this should comply with the fire strategy for each unit.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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