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Good morning,

To whom it may concern,

Our reference: CPDT/417/25
Your reference: 25/00820/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from (Class E) to bar (sui generis)
Site address: 7 Bridge Street St Ives PE27 5EH

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this mixed planning application. I have read the associated documents there doesn't appear to be a section on security/safety.

Whilst this is at an early stage in the planning process my role as a designing out crime officer is to promote community safety within a development and to work with the applicant to reduce vulnerability to crime. It is recommended that The Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCO's) should be consulted at the earliest opportunity with planning applications, this enables us to work with the developer on the best security solutions based on local crime issues and it must incorporate the standards of "Secured by Design", to design out crime and reduce the opportunities for crime..

I have searched the constabularies crime and incident systems covering the location for the past 2 years, I would consider this to be an area of medium risk to crime based on the figures below.

Crimes of note:

Crime Type	St Ives South Ward Total = 1,200	Incident Type	St Ives South Ward Total = 2,806
Violence	493	**Suspicious Circumstances**	385
Burglary Business	18	**Rowdy Nuisance/Anti-Social Behaviour**	149
Robbery Business	1	**Vehicle Nuisance**	90
Robbery Personal	11	**Malicious Nuisance**	20
Theft from Motor Vehicle	38	**Crime Other**	16
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	16	**Offensive Weapons**	12
Vehicle Interference	13	**Robbery**	9
Cycle Theft	68	**Begging**	4
Other Theft	82	**Burglary Other**	4
Criminal Damage	105		
Possession of Drugs	10		
Possession Of Drugs	32		
Possession Of Weapons	15		
Public Order/Anti-Social Behaviour.	97		

The layout appears to be acceptable, please see comments below.

Our office would be happy to meet with the developers and discuss the proposals and “Secured by Design” (SBD) including measures available to reduce the risk to vulnerabilities of crime.

Commercial

- **External Lighting**
    - There should be LED dusk to dawn wall mounted lights above each entrance, exit and around the building line of each building.

Secured by Design encourages, wherever possible, the use of the most environmentally friendly light sources. Moreover, the institute of lighting professionals (ILP) currently favours the use of good quality LED lighting and other energy effective light sources and advises against the use of solar powered lights due to the potential issues around winter charging capabilities and not lasting overnight, also fluorescent lighting is no longer recommended as it is environmentally unsustainable for a variety of reasons. Further information is available https://www.securedbydesign.com/initiatives/safer-streets.

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.

- **Alarms** - **BS EN 50131** for wired alarm systems 4 grades (to accommodate all EU requirements)
    - Buildings - loss prevention standard **1175** Burglary resistance of buildings and fences, Intruder resistance, security grills. Shutters etc. **commercial risk 2,3 and 4.**
    - **BS 8220** - Guide for the security of Buildings against crime – comes in 3 parts and gives guidelines on security measures that can be introduced to protect against crime.
    - Offices and shops
    - Warehouse and distribution
    - Including Security Cloaking System

- **Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) -** Although CCTV is not a universal solution to all security problems it can help deter criminals and assist with the identification of offenders after a crime has been committed. If a CCTV system has a recording facility only, it can be a useful investigate tool whereas a monitored system allows a real-time reaction to criminal activity. CCTV is also often very useful in

mitigating against risk where other forms of security are not feasible. CCTV should be installed to BS EN 50132-7-2012. The system should cover both internal and external area's working in line with the lighting system for the buildings and the external grounds. Main commercial entrance door

- Other commercial access door/fire exit doors

Please refer to the links within this response. NON RESIDENTIAL GUIDE 2025 3425.pdf

Secured by Design

Secured by Design (SBD) is a police initiative operating throughout the UK that encourages manufacturers of security products to have them successfully tested and third party certificated by a United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) body to police preferred standards of security. SBD is one of several crime prevention schemes operated by Police CPI, which is owned by the UK Police Service, is supported by the Home Office and is not-for-profit. SBD lists many approved crime prevention products and services. It is an invaluable resource for guidance on many things including security standards, crime prevention and product procurement. Where new builds are proposed, or a total refurbishment, Police CPI recommends that the design team applies for a Secured by Design Award and more information about this scheme is available at: www.securedbydesign.com

DID YOU KNOW…

Secured By Design: SBD buildings and environments have shown reductions in volume, crime by as much as 87% in new build developments and 61% in refurbished properties.

Park Mark Safer Parking Scheme: The Park Mark scheme has shown an 80% reduction, from crime in member car parks. DOCOs are the nationally accredited assessors for parking services and organisations wishing to join the scheme.

Due to current staffing issues – there may be a delay in responding to e-mails and meeting planning deadlines.

Please note if you require secured by design information or a site visit this office currently requires at least three weeks' notice to attend the location due to the current reduced staffing levels.

We apologies for any inconvenience this might cause.

Kind regards

Jules

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