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Subject: Audley Neighbourhood Development Plan

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Dear Planning

Following review of the above document sent out for consultation, the following suggested alterations/additions are provided for consideration:

Section 2.6 Aims

One aim currently reads - To help ensure that development is well designed.

Recommend amend to - To help ensure that development is well designed, **safe and secure**.

Section 3.3 ANP1 Residential Development

Add an extra point to the 8 already listed.

The importance of safety and security to householders should be reflected within new development.

The reference to Secured by Design in this section is commended.

Section 4.4 ANP3 Audley Village Centre (Church Street)

Currently reads -

Hot food takeaways will only be supported where there would be no significant adverse impacts on residential amenity or the vitality and viability of the centre and where the scheme includes measures to manage impacts, including, noise, disturbance, smell, vehicle movements and litter.

Amend to -

Hot food takeaways will only be supported where there would be no significant adverse impacts on residential amenity or the vitality and viability of the centre and where the scheme includes measures to manage impacts, including, noise, disturbance, smell, vehicle movements, litter **and anti-social behaviour**.

Section 5.3 ANP4 Sustainable Design

Point 3c currently reads

Ensuring that street and spaces are overlooked by active building frontages, to create natural surveillance.

The Interpretation section contains the following

Active frontages would include elevations with windows, doors and balconies and low boundary treatments.

Staffordshire Police fully support Point 3c since natural surveillance allows law-abiding people oversight of locations with the opportunity to detect suspicious activity etc and respond accordingly. Furthermore, those engaged in or considering criminal, anti-social or suspicious activity can be perceive themselves subject to such observation which can deter such activity. Regarding Point 3C, it is recommended that it is tweaked as follows –

Ensuring that street and spaces are overlooked from active rooms within buildings to create natural surveillance.

Amend the Interpretation paragraph accordingly –

Active rooms (kitchens/living rooms) provide direct and regular visual connection between the room and the street/spaces, unlike from more private rooms, such as bedrooms and bathrooms.

Point 7 currently reads –

Boundary treatments should reinforce local character, including use of low walls or hedges

Amend to –

Where security is not compromised, boundary treatments should reinforce local character, including use of low walls or hedges

Add an extra point to the 10 listed

Development should minimise opportunities for criminal or anti-social behaviour.

Under the Interpretation section

Currently one paragraph reads

The 'National Design Guide' and 'Building for a Healthy Life' standard may be useful in securing compliance with the policy.

Amend to

The 'National Design Guide', 'Building for a Healthy Life' standard and Secured by Design Guides may be useful in securing compliance with the policy.

Under the Interpretation section, one paragraph reads –

Strong encouragement is given to engagement with the Parish Council and the local community from early stages of the design process.

Amend to –

Strong encouragement is given to engagement with the Parish Council, the local community and where appropriate, relevant consultees from early stages of the design process.

Section 5.7 ANP8 Shopfronts

Under Interpretation is a paragraph discussing shutters. Recommended inclusion of the following –

Technical glazing products have the potential to negate the need for internal shutters.

Section 7.3 ANP12 Transport and Active Travel

Under Interpretation it states –

For apartments, a shared cycle facility may be provided.

Amend to the following –

For apartments, a shared cycle facility may be provided. A cycle store integrated into the building is preferred, providing greater opportunities for security than external provision.

Section 7.4 ANP13 Local Energy Generation

Solar farms featuring ground-mounted photovoltaic (pv) panels can be targeted by organised criminal offenders for the purposes of theft of cable/panels. Individual losses totalling five or even six figure have been recorded.

Adequate security needs to be provided to try to counter opportunity. As such, its is recommended that the following is included –

Solar farms should incorporate a range of security measures to adequately protect them.

Kind regards

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