



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE
DESIGNING OUT CRIME OFFICER
PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

Application number	V/2025/0544
Proposal	Construction of 20 new dwellings
Address	Former Kirklands Home Day Centre, Fairhaven, Kirkby In Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 7FW
Date	09/10/2025
Consultee	Neil Bellamy Nottinghamshire Police: Designing Out Crime & Architectural Liaison Officer, Park Mark [®] Accredited Assessor, Secured by Design [®] Accredited Assessor, The Prevention Hub, Sherwood Lodge, Nottingham. NG5 8PP.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this application.

It is the responsibility of the Designing Out Crime Officer to provide specialist advice and guidance regarding the built environment at every stage of architectural design, from pre-planning to the full development control process (to minimise crime, fear of crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour).

This does not, however, preclude subsequent recommendations from other specialist departments within Nottinghamshire Police if required.

All consultations, where relevant, reflect the importance of reducing the harm caused by violence against women and girls.

We have also considered this application in the context of current legislation.

Nottinghamshire Police have **no holding objections** with regards to this proposed variation; however, we would request that an informative note be added to the decision notice for the developer which includes the text contained within the comments section of this letter.

Comments:

This application relates to - Construction of 20 new dwellings.

There is no reference to crime prevention or security measures to be implemented in the design of this development in the accompanying documentation accepting that this is at the earliest stages.

We would encourage the developers to consider 'Secured by Design' (SBD) when continuing to plan this development as this is a Police initiative designed to guide and encourage those engaged within the specification, design and build of new developments.

Secured by Design is owned by the UK Police Service and is supported by the Home Office, Building Control Departments in England (Part Q Security – Dwellings), Scotland (Building Standard 4.13) and Wales (Part Q Security – Dwellings) all reference SBD.

Secured by Design (SBD) is a place-based approach to crime reduction that brings together standards of physical security with the broader principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to set minimum requirements that enable properties to be awarded SBD status. The results of several studies have shown that housing design plays a key role in influencing offender decision-making, the risk of surveillance and standards of physical security being primary deterrents (Armitage & Tompson, 2022).

Therefore, it is recommended that the Secured by Design standard is adopted as part of this property development and would direct them to the latest Secured by Design Guide for Residential Developments.

[securedbydesign.com/images/RESIDENTIAL GUIDE 2025 27325.pdf](https://securedbydesign.com/images/RESIDENTIAL_GUIDE_2025_27325.pdf)

We would encourage the developer to consider site security during any future construction and review the relevant guide.

[CONSTRUCTION SITE SECURITY GUIDE A4 8pp.pdf \(securedbydesign.com\)](https://securedbydesign.com/images/CONSTRUCTION_SITE_SECURITY_GUIDE_A4_8pp.pdf)

Nottinghamshire Police Designing Out Crime Officers will be available to provide ongoing guidance to the developer in the adoption of the SBD standards.

Crime prevention advice is given free of charge without the intention of creating a contract. Neither the Home Office nor the Police Service takes any legal responsibility for the advice given. However, if the advice is implemented it will reduce the opportunity for crimes to be committed.

Regards,

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