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Dear Emma Baumber

**Application Ref – 25/01162/OUT**

**Site – Land North of Barlestone Road Newbold Verdon Leicestershire**

**Proposal – Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 67 dwellings**

Thank you for giving Leicestershire Police Designing Out Crime Officers the opportunity to review the documents for the development detailed above.

After reviewing the available documents, Leicestershire Police has no objections to the application. I do have the following observations:

Barlestone Road and Desford Road both experience significant speeding issues, and I can see that the entrance to this development will be on Barlestone Road. My advice is to engage with the Council's Highways Team to ensure that appropriate traffic-management and speed-calming measures are put in place—especially as I understand there will soon be a further application for an additional 240 dwellings.

**I strongly recommend that security measure be in placed from the beginning of the construction phase to reduce the risk of material theft. We have previously experienced theft incidents in the area, particularly when boilers and other high-value items have been installed in buildings.**

I like that the LAP is in the middle of the estate, be designed to afford diverse community which is well overlooked from the surrounding houses. Please also ensure good natural surveillance throughout the development and avoid creating any hidden or poorly overlooked areas.

I can see that several footpaths and natural trails are planned on the site. Public footpaths should not run to the rear of, or provide access to, gardens, rear yards, or dwellings, as this has been proven to



generate crime. To ensure the space is safe and accessible for all, and in support of policing efforts to reduce Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), footpaths should be as straight as possible, wide enough for comfortable use, free of hiding places, and well-overlooked by surrounding houses. They should also be carefully landscaped and well maintained to enable natural surveillance along the route and its borders.

Please considerate that Newbold Verdon and the surrounding villages have experienced periodic issues with burglaries, vehicle crimes, and antisocial behaviour. The following document has been developed by Secure by Design; it provides valuable information about crime prevention for new builds. Please see the following link.

[sbds\\_residential\\_guide\\_2025\\_250312.pdf](#)

If the application progresses to the next stage, I will wait for further information about the plans before providing more detailed comments.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. N.Sidiropoulos  
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*This assessment is based on the information you provided and current crime trends. While I can suggest measures that might reduce the risk of crime, there is no guarantee that these measures will prevent crime. The advice is offered without any intention of forming a contract. Leicestershire Police do not assume any legal responsibility for the advice given.*