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Dear Matt Jedruch,

**Application Ref – 24/01066/FUL**

**Site** - Land West of Westfield Avenue Earl Shilton Leicestershire

**Proposal** – Erection of 18 dwellings with associated access, car parking, landscaping and drainage

Thank you for giving Leicestershire Police Designing out Crime Officers the opportunity to review the planning application for the development detailed above.

Based on my review of the available documents and design plans, Leicestershire Police support the application. However, I must emphasize that the area has a high crime reporting rate, with incidents such as anti-social behaviour, burglary, and public order offenses being reported. Therefore, it is crucial to adhere to the current design plans that incorporate crime prevention measures.

Page 12 of the Design and Access Statement makes direct reference to section 12, 135 (f) of the National Planning Policy Framework and states that the development will,

*“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.”*

I note good designs within the plans which include parking adjacent to or at the front of dwellings allowing for natural surveillance, gable end windows, and 1.8m close board fence to enclose private rear gardens.

I would like to highlight concerns with the footpaths to the gardens of plot numbers, 2, 3, 5, 16 and 14. While incorporating rear refuse storage helps with crime prevention, these footpaths are open to access, not well overlooked and un-lit. From professional experience, these have been used by both burglars and domestic violence perpetrators to aid with criminal behaviour. Consideration for an alternate bin storage area to be built away from dwellings to the end of the cul-de sac should be taken into consideration in order to create a safe place and prevent crime now and in the future.

I would appreciate it if the applicant can be notified of the Secured by Design (SBD) official police security initiative, Information about crime prevention for new builds and the initiative can be found on the following link [sbd\\_residential\\_guide\\_2025\\_250312.pdf](https://www.leics.police.uk/leicestershire-police/our-work/our-initiatives/secured-by-design/sbd-residential-guide-2025-250312.pdf).



Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself and I will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

Miss M. Wood  
Designing out crime Officer  
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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 Constabulary do not assume any legal responsibility for the advice given.*