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Dear Matt Jedruch

**Application Ref – 25/00537/REM**

**Site** - Land North Of A47 Normandy Way And East Of Stoke Road Hinckley Leicestershire

**Proposal** – Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 22/00318/OUT for construction of 475 dwellings and associated infrastructure and landscaping works.

Thank you for giving Leicestershire Police Designing out Crime Officers the opportunity to review the planning application for the development detailed above. Hinckley has a relatively high crime rate with between 250 to 300 incidents being reported each month. With further developments, there is a high possibility crime rates will increase, putting further pressure on the police force, it is therefore crucial, that designing out crime is taken into consideration.

The Design Statement does not explicitly address crime prevention, though it is implied in several areas. For instance, page 27 discusses vehicle and cycle parking, while page 58 covers wheelie bin storage and natural surveillance from nearby dwellings overlooking open space. These design elements contribute positively to reducing opportunities for crime.

I would like to recommend that houses have gable end windows installed where possible to increase natural observation.

I would like to raise some concerns regarding the proposed 1.8m walls as identified on the boundary treatment plan, particularly in relation to plots 140 and 414, due to their close proximity to open space areas. Solid, blank elevations like this can often attract anti-social behaviour, such as graffiti or people kicking balls against the surface.

To help mitigate these issues, I recommend a double boundary treatment, incorporating a hedge in front of the wall. This would serve as a natural deterrent to anti-social behaviour and criminal activity by making the wall less accessible and more difficult to scale.

I also recommend that all external PAS 24 doors, and individual door sets to flats, be fitted with cylinder locks that meet TS007 3-star, STS 217, or Sold Secure Diamond standards. Unfortunately, burglary remains a widespread issue across the country, with lock snapping being a common method of entry. Installing doors with these high-security locks provides enhanced resistance to forced entry and significantly improves overall property security.



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By taking these recommendations into considerations, the developers can help to create a safe place for people to live now and for future residents.

Please can 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](#).

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wood'.

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.*