

King George 5th Playing Field – Planning Ref 25/0197/FUL

Devon and Cornwall Police – Kris Calderhead comments to Christopher Cummings dated 18th

Below are the responses from the designer to the specific comments raised by the Designing Out Crime Officer.

1. **Consultee comment** – “I appreciate the inclusion of a cycle hub / shelter. However, the design of the shelter will hamper surveillance of the space and could inadvertently create a space for concealment, attract unwanted congregation etc. Would it be possible to consider a structure that allows for lines of sight into the space? It would still function in the same way but will reduce the opportunity for anti-social behaviour (ASB) and theft. The hub should also be covered by CCTV and lit.”

Lead Designer (SW Norse) response – We propose to alter the design of the cycle hub/shelter to make screening lower to the mid rail which would offer better sight lines. Revised elevations will be developed at RIBA Stage 4 – Technical Design to include this. The cycle hub/shelter will also be lit and provided with CCTV.

2. **Consultee comment** – “Ensure fencing and gates to the courtyard at the pavilion and indeed any other newly installed fencing to the perimeter of the site, meets a nationally recognised security standard such as LPS 1175, and is of an anti-climb design, that allows for visibility. The locking mechanism must be shielded to prevent anyone reaching through to the inner lock release if an emergency egress is used.”

Lead Designer (SW Norse) response – The fencing and gates to the courtyard will be anti-climb and meet LPS 1175, or other recognised security standard and will be detailed in such a way to prevent anyone reaching through to the inner lock. This will be specified at RIBA Stage 4 – Technical Design.

3. **Consultee comment** - “As per my previous response please ensure opportunities to climb on the pavilion, access flat roofs, canopies etc. are removed. This includes incorporating anti-climb drainpipes, reducing the number of low level walls, potential footholds and securely storing bins so they can't be moved and used as climbing aids.”

Lead Designer (SW Norse) response - The downpipes will be located within the fenced secure courtyard. Canopy downpipes will be integrated within the supporting columns. The downpipe to the staircase is recessed and therefore not accessible.

4. **Consultee comment** - “It is recommended that the pavilion is fitted with a monitored intruder alarm or at least the infrastructure to allow for easy installation. For police response, the system must comply with the requirements of the Security Systems policy, which can be found at www.securedbydesign.com under the ‘Group Initiatives’ tab.”

Lead Designer (SW Norse) response – A monitored intruder alarm will be fitted to the pavilion, specified to a standard to enable police response to be provided.

5. **Consultee comment** – Requirements, standards and locations of a CCTV system (summary of comment raised)

Lead Designer (SW Norse) response - A CCTV will be provided to the pavilion, cycle hub, courtyard and main car park at the point those elements are brought into use. The CCTV system will be specified, and the infrastructure installed, to be expandable to enable the following other areas to be covered should the need arise.

- 3G AGP
- 2 No PlayZones
- Padel Courts
- Main pedestrian routes

The CCTV system will comply to BS EN 62676:2015, or another recognised and agreed standard and the CCTV system will include anti-vandal housings.

It is worth noting that existing monitored CCTV cameras, located on the existing hotel, cover the accessible play park and surrounds. This are provided by Exeter City Council.

- 6. Consultee comment** - "I note and support that pedestrian routes will be a minimum of 2000mm wide, and planting will not encroach onto paths. To promote safe use, these routes must be well defined, have good lines of sight with good surveillance opportunities. Lighting should have good uniformity and enable users to detect and identify other users

Lead Designer (SW Norse) response – The design of the site wide access routes have been thought through with safety in mind wherever possible whilst accepting of the constraints of trees and topography etc. Landscaping to these areas has also been carefully arranged and specified with safety in mind. Appropriate lighting with good uniformity will be provided to access routes. The detailed design of the lighting with be considered at RIBA Stage 4 – Technical Design.

- 7. Consultee comment** - "I note that the site will be open Monday - Sunday 0800am - 1000pm. Can it be confirmed if access will be prevented when the site is closed? This is preferable to reduce the risk of crime and ASB however, will all entrances be gated?"

Lead Designer (SW Norse) response – The new and existing entrance gates will be locked between 10.00pm and 8.00am Monday to Sunday. Locking and unlocking will be part of the site operators management regime.

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