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## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

### **Re: The Lord Lister Hotel, 1 Park Street, Hitchin**

Dear Simon,

Following the recent Planning Committee meeting there was a request for further information from the Police regards the incidents of antisocial behaviour at the above location. I asked that our researcher collates the number of incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. I also asked that the figures show the number of incidents at the Lord Lister as well as the surrounding area (bounded by Hollow Lane, Market Square, Sun Street, Bridge Street, Park Street, and Park Gate. As a comparison I also asked for the numbers of ASB incidents at the Templars in High Street Baldock and at the Haven in Stevenage – as both are similar Hostels (both run by Haven First).

Within the period selected there were a total of eighty-four incidents of ASB in the chosen area of Hitchin. Of these only seventeen were recorded as being at the Lord Lister (this equates to just over 14% of the total figures for the area). As a comparison during the same period there were no recorded incidents at Templars and only five incidents at the Haven. In addition to this a further scan was done covering 30<sup>th</sup> of June to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, using the same criteria. During this time there were twenty-five incidents of ASB none of which were located at the Lord Lister.

As said in my earlier letter it is the intention of the applicants to seek to achieve the Police preferred minimum security standard that is Secured by Design, this is a scheme that has been running for over thirty years with a proven record for reducing crimes such as burglary, vehicle crime and ASB. Therefore, I stated that the Police support this application in my earlier letter.

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