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Re: Supporting statement for the Swinburne Avenue play area

Dear Tom,

I am writing with an update on options to install lighting and CCTV equipment on the site of the children's play area at Swinburne Avenue. We have consulted the Police and experts in the provision of this equipment and I am pleased to provide further information and recommendations now.

Lighting

Following guidance from Mark Montgomery (Crime Prevention Design Advisor for Hertfordshire Police) and review of comments provided on the planning application, we have worked with Urbis Schreder, who are experts in lightability, to design a lighting plan for the play area site. The Local Planning Authority team have subsequently reviewed the lighting plan and, after discussing this with Mark Montgomery and advisors from Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership, their recommendation is that this is no longer required for the area, due to the following reasons:

- The site is within the green belt and lighting would negatively impact the rural character of the area
- The play area is close to residential properties and will affect residential amenity
- Potentially negative impact of lighting on wildlife as the site is close to Oughton Nature Reserve which has protected species
- Lighting may encourage anti-social behaviour rather than deter.

The Local Planning Authority team have recommended that we proceed only with the provision of CCTV equipment.

CCTV

We have consulted both Mark Montgomery from Hertfordshire Police and Mike Read (Operations Manager for Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership Ltd) on the appropriate solution and, following their advice, propose installing an infra-red CCTV camera solution mounted on a 5m high pole.

The installation and maintenance of the equipment will be carried out by Eurovia, the incumbent engineers for Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership Ltd, on behalf of settle.

Following advice from Mike Read we propose installing a multi-camera which would provide appropriate surveillance of the play area. Details of the camera are on the following page:



3 x 2 Mega Pixel Infra-Red Pan, Tilt & Zoom with 20 x Optical Zoom

The CCTV camera is directional and would be positioned to provide full coverage of the play area without overlooking any residential properties. Please find enclosed with this letter a site plan of the Swinburne Avenue play area highlighting the position of the CCTV equipment.

Benefits

The proposed infra-red CCTV system would ensure the play area can be monitored at all times. The proposed camera is a sophisticated model using wireless technology that provides the ability to review the premises remotely at any time. We have been advised that this is a very cost-effective form of security that is easy to maintain.

The CCTV cameras would be visible on the site with prominent signs highlighting their presence, providing reassurance to those using the play area and an increased deterrent to prevent criminal activity.

In closing, we welcome the feedback we have been given on these proposals and are committed to working on the advice of the Police, Local Planning Authority and experts in the provision of the equipment required to provide the best possible solution for the Swinburne Avenue play area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dionne Dumas'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dionne Dumas

Development Graduate Trainee at settle

- 3 x 2 Mega Pixel Infra-Red Pan, Tilt & Zoom with 20 x Optical Zoom
- 10GB per month
- 1 x Downward Facing 8mm 1080p Sentry Camera
- Full 1080p recording @ 30 FPS
- 24 month contract
- Up to 90 Metres Total Darkness Vision
- Extended Warranty
- Aggregation available across contracts
- 36+ Days 24/7 recording
- 8Tb Hard Drive
- 4G Compatible
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- Wi-Fi Connectivity
- Range of Software Options (PC, Laptop, Tablet or Mobile Phone)
- Firmware Updates
- PLUS Footage Download Service
- 12 Month Warranty—

