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Application: SMD/2020/0584
Location: Leek Hockey Club, Macclesfield Road, Leek
Proposal: Proposed alterations and extensions to the club house

The following comments should be considered in the light of the following:

- The National Planning Policy Framework states "Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments ... create places that are safe ... and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience";
- National Planning Practice Guidance which states that "Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning and delivery of new development";
- SMDC Core Strategy Policy C1 –"Require development proposals to incorporate high quality locally distinctive design features and layouts that will reduce crime and the fear of crime and support inclusive communities, particularly in terms of accessibility and functionality in line with the Council's Design SPD";
- The statutory obligation placed on local authorities to do all they can to prevent crime and disorder in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998;
- The 2006 CABE document entitled 'Design and Access Statements: How to Write, Read and Use Them', which states "Statements should demonstrate how development can create accessible and safe environments, including addressing crime and disorder and fear of crime."

The submission of the above application is noted and the inclusion of external roller shutters to protect the various door apertures is welcomed. Staffordshire Police recommend the installation of roller shutters that have third party certification to one of the following recognised manual attack-resistant commercial security standards (LPS1175:Issue 8, STS202:Issue 8 or LPS2081 Issue 1.1) and at appropriate security/burglary rating. Installing such certified products ensures a tested and proven level of intruder resistance whereas products which have no third party security certification have an unknown and unquantifiable attack-resistance capability.

Looking at the Proposed Plan drawing, an area allocated for coats is shown just inside the new main building entrance. The applicant should be aware that this could provide the opportunity for opportunistic sneak-in theft or thefts during events hosted at the club including of items within pockets (car keys?). The applicant should assess this possibility and take the appropriate action to minimise such vulnerability.

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