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Dear Seb,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Leicestershire Police Designing out Crime Officer (DOCO). I have been requested to comment on behalf of Leicestershire Police in relation to the proposed Sileby Neighbourhood Plan as part of the proposed by Charnwood Borough Council Local.

Leicestershire Police support the creation of a Sileby Neighbourhood Plan, which has a primary objective to reflect the community wide views, comments, observations, concerns and ambitions about Sileby's planning in respect to future applications and their implications.

Leicestershire Police will always attempt to reflect the aspirations of all the residents and people who work, study and pass through the area in the way that they Police the area, and will continue to do so, taking into consideration the contents of future Sileby Neighbourhood Plans. Neighbourhood Policing is a central part of Policing with resources deployed to provide visible presence and deterrent to potential offenders and contact for members of the public.

Future planning applications and any additional demand on Policing resources, will need consideration, as currently resources are deployed from areas outside Sileby. Due to changes in the Policing estate, Police responses will still be maintained through new innovation and technological advances. Neighbourhood Policing will be maintained and continue to provide a close link to the community they serve and effective community consultation.

To maintain the current levels and to accommodate future additional demand created by population growth and the resultant new dwellings, and associated infrastructure of schools, commercial, retail and other facilities such as open space additional Policing considerations should be taken into consideration.

Open Space is a key issue for Policing within the planning process of new developments with particular attention to Safer Streets issues. Ongoing government funding has been focused on providing Safer Routes through Open Spaces with attention to trimming of ground level foliage to 1m and trees to have foliage trimmed to 2m from the ground to provide a 1m clear field of vision. Also lighting, signage and CCTV improvements are under consideration. Any new appropriate Open Spaces should consider these issues, to provide safe transit and use of these areas. Women and girls, as well as all vulnerable persons have been subject to crime and would be able to benefit from early consideration via the planning process.



Paragraph 91(b) of NPPF 2019 specifically provides that
“Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places
which:

b) Are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not
undermine the quality of life or community cohesion...”

Hence the inclusion of a police contribution to Leicestershire Police in Priority 2c.

Policing is a 24/7 service resourced to respond and deploy on an "on demand" and "equal
access" basis and is wholly dependent on a range of facilities for staff to deliver this. A
primary issue for Leicestershire Police is to ensure that new large-scale developments make
adequate provision for the future policing needs that it will generate.

At present Sileby has no current Policing facilities. However, where additional development
is proposed, Leicestershire Police may seek to deploy additional staffing and additional
infrastructures to ensure quality neighbourhood community-based policing.

Sieby, which is part of Charnwood Borough Council is encouraged to continue to work with
Leicestershire Police by consulting with them on large-scale applications, firstly to gain their
perspective from a design front and secondly to understand whether the associated growth
would produce a need for additional Policing infrastructure. If this is the case then
Leicestershire Police will assess each application on an individual basis, by looking at the
current level and location of available officers and then the demand associated with that
development.

A request for developer contributions may then be considered which could result in a
submission to go towards the additional infrastructure needed to maintain a sustainably high
level of policing within the areas covered by Sileby as part of Charnwood Borough Council.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states all relevant authorities have a duty to
consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder. Leicestershire
Police will work closely with our partners to design out these risks wherever possible.

Areas including public space, shop frontages and appropriate security such as shutters
should include sympathetic design and be in keeping with local architecture, whilst still
providing effective security.



Other key areas where planning can support the local businesses includes the night time economy. Effective planning including lighting and use of CCTV if required will reduce the risk of crime and disorder. In support of managing these requirements providing a 24/7 service Leicestershire Police will continue to provide to residents of Sileby.

S106 Agreements

S106 Applications will be applied for in support of health, education provision, open space and other public services and likewise, Leicestershire Police would look to apply for support as a result of any additional policing demand created. Any such funds would allow consideration of equipment or in support of estate to support responses to Sileby, though Leicestershire Police will consider estate on an ongoing basis. Charnwood District Council have S106 Agreements in respect to new developments within the area in support of Policing.

Statutory funding via the Policing precept and Government would follow on after occupation of any new dwellings. Also, where new demand is placed on Policing resources due to expansion, Leicestershire Police, Charnwood District Council and Sileby residents within the Sileby area would benefit from support of the provision of S106 and future S106 bids being considered in support of Policing provision within the Sileby area.

Consultations on Planning Applications

Current planning consultations referred to Leicestershire Police have provided the opportunity to comment on a number of applications. It would be beneficial if further comment was referred in respect to large developments either residential or commercial. Also where there is an increased risk of public safety via open space and large footfall as well as areas relating to changes to the night economy would be appreciated (Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act 1998). Traveller provision is another area where Policing considerations are recommended wherever possible for comment and consideration.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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