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Location: 120 Kendrick Road, Reading RG1 5DP

Dear Ms Davis,

Thank you for consulting Thames Valley Police in relation to the above planning application. I have reviewed the submitted documents and crime statistics for the area, and the following comments are provided to ensure the application meets the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework 2026 (NPPF) and Local Plan Policies (noting Policy CC8: Safeguarding amenity).

I could find no information within the planning application of existing/proposed security measures for the proposed children's home. This should be confirmed and provided via a condition on any planning permission. Information provided should confirm all the security measures required by Ofsted and include information on additional measures.

Security cameras are understood to be an optional security measure by Ofsted, but I consider should be provided in this situation. CCTV should include cameras focused on the entrance doorway/s to allow monitoring of visitors to the property. The image should be of a quality that would allow the identification of the visitor. Installation will need to consider the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Further guidance around video surveillance systems can be found within the Secured by Design Residential Guide 2025.

Access controls into the property also need to be carefully considered. If older children are proposed to live at the property, they may need to be able to access and leave the house alone. It would then be beneficial if access controls were able to monitor times of access and egress in the interests of safeguarding for more vulnerable young people.

The above comments are made on behalf of Thames Valley Police and relate to designing out crime only. I hope that you find these comments of assistance. If you have any queries relating to crime prevention design, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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