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Department of Planning and Environment
Level 22, 320 Pitt Street
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Attention: Andy Nixey

Dear Mr Nixey,

RE: Concept proposal for Tourist related Purposes and Detailed Proposal for Early Works and Above Ground Car Park at Lidcombe Catholic Club, Lidcombe

Application No:

Property : Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club 24-28 John St Lidcombe

I refer to the above proposal and your request for a formal comment on the application in accordance with the guidelines under Section 79C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for Crime Prevention.

CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a crime prevention strategy that focuses on the planning, design and structure of cities and neighbourhoods. It reduces opportunities for crime by using design and place management principles that reduce the likelihood of essential crime ingredients from intersecting in time and space.

The NSW Police *Safer by Design* evaluation process is based upon Australia and New Zealand Risk Management Standard ANZS4360:1999. It is a transparent and contextually flexible process that identifies and quantifies crime hazards and location risk. Evaluation measures include crime likelihood (statistical probability), consequence (crime outcome), distributions of reported crime, socio-economic conditions (relative disadvantage), situational hazards and crime opportunity.

The said proposal was assessed using both CPTED and Safety by Design, based on the attached map with your letter.

SITE SPECIFIC ISSUES

The evaluation identified objectives, design features and social conditions that are likely to impact crime opportunity at the development site. They include:

1. Lighting

The objective of security lighting is to deny criminals the advantage of being able to operate unobserved. However, if the area does not have any guardians to overlook and view the area, then lighting will only help a criminal see what they are doing, not deter them. Higher lighting levels may be required for vulnerable areas. Adequate, uniform lighting should cover the entire property. Therefore it is imperative to ensure that light levels are appropriate for the users, activities and tasks of an area.

2. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)

CCTV can enhance the physical security of the location and assist in the identification of people involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour. It acts as a deterrent and improves surveillance. Cameras should be installed in and around all premises, especially at entry/exit points to maximise surveillance opportunities.

- Digital and monitored technology should be used to record images from the cameras
- Installed surveillance equipment should be maintained in working order and regularly maintained and tested.



3. Signage

Warning signs should be strategically posted around the perimeter of the property, particularly near entry points to warn intruders of security measures

Example: Warning: these premises are under constant surveillance

Warning: don't leave valuables inside your vehicle

Directional signage should also be posted at decision making points (e.g. entry/egress points) to provide guidance to patrons whilst driving their vehicles. Knowing how and where to enter, exit and find assistance within a car park can impact perceptions of safety, victim vulnerability and crime opportunity.



4. Landscaping

Trees and shrubs should be trimmed to reduce concealment opportunities and increase visibility to and from the car park. Any obstacle or rubbish should be removed from the property boundaries, footpaths, driveways, car parks and buildings to restrict concealment and prevent offenders scaling any building within the confines of the site.

5. Boundary Fencing

Premises should have adequate boundary fencing which should be maintained and in good order to restrict unauthorised access to the property. All gates should be kept closed and locked again to restrict unauthorised access.

I would like to thank Auburn Council for allowing Flemington Police the opportunity to be able to work together in creating a safer community for all. I will look forward to hearing the result of the proposal.

Senior Constable Jim Dickson
Crime Prevention Officer
Flemington Local Area Command

Disclaimer

The NSW Police Service (NSWPS) has a vital interest in ensuring the safety of members of the community and their property. By using recommendations contained in this evaluation, any person who does so acknowledges that:

- It is not possible to make areas evaluated by the NSWPS absolutely safe for the community or their property
- Recommendations are based upon information provided to, and observations made by the NSWPS at the time the evaluation was made
- The evaluation is a confidential document and is for use by the council or organisation referred to on page one
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The NSW Police Service hopes that by using recommendations contained within this document, criminal activity will be reduced and the safety of members of the community and their property will be increased. However, it does not guarantee that the area evaluated will be free from criminal activity if its recommendations are followed.

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