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Dear Ian

Planning Application 2019/00280/RG3

Erection of extensions to the school for a new Sports Block with link to existing building; Design and Technology Block; new Reception Area; creation of a Plant Room; new Muga and 3G All-weather Pitch as well as external alterations to the facade treatment

Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, Colcot Road, Barry

With regards to the above application, South Wales Police have the following comments to make in respect of community safety and crime prevention.

Observations

The Design and Access Statement with this application does not include a section on Community Safety. The applicant has not given any consideration towards the safety of the students, staff or how they propose to protect the school building and surrounding sports facilities from anti-social behaviour or criminal activity.

South Wales Police Designing out Crime officers (DOCO's) have attended meetings and provided reports at an early stage in the planning process but their advice has been ignored and pre consultation between SWP and the Design team has not been mentioned in either the DAS or the Pre Consultation Report.

Mae Heddlu De Cymru yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg.
Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd
gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding
in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Recommendations

The following recommendations will be required to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour.

1. Access to the centre courtyard should be denied after school hours. This can be achieved by installing a weldmesh fence with a lockable gate to a minimum height of 2.5m. Fencing should be certified to LPS 1175 security rating 1.
2. Sports facilities such as multi-use games and artificial playing surfaces will be required to be protected by weldmesh fencing at least 3m high with lockable gates.
3. Ensure that with any fencing there are no structures close to which will aid climbing. Ensure the gates locking mechanism does not provide a climbing aid.
4. CCTV is not a universal solution to security problems. It can help deter vandalism or burglary and assist with the identification of culprits once a crime has been committed, but unless it is monitored continuously and appropriately recorded, CCTV will be of limited value in relation to the personal security of students, staff and visitors. That being said, the provision and effective use of CCTV fits well within the overall framework of security management and is most effective when it forms part of an overall security plan.

Security surveillance - CCTV cameras should be installed on the façade of the building covering all building lines particularly any recessed areas. Cameras should also monitor the car park and internal areas such as entrance foyer, reception, stairways and corridors. The recording system should be able to store images for up to 31 days. Signage must be displayed that CCTV is present. CCTV systems must be installed to BS EN 50132-7:2012 CCTV surveillance systems for use in security applications.

CCTV systems may have to be registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and be compliant with guidelines in respect to Data Protection and Human Rights legislation. Further information is available at this website: www.ico.gov.uk

5. External areas should be well lit and comply with CCTV use. All external lighting covering the driveway, carpark, footpaths must comply with BS 5489-1:2013.
6. Building lines should be as straight as possible with no recesses or hiding places.
7. Access should be denied to any low flat roofs by installing non-climbable drainage pipes or installing internal drainage pipes.
8. Ground floor and accessible windows should comply with PAS 24 2016.
9. All external doors should comply with PAS 24 2016 or LPS1175.
10. All glazing in doors or adjacent to a door should contain glass successfully tested to BS EN356:2000.
11. Electronic access control will be required at the main school entrance and should incorporate more than one set of doors controlled from reception.
12. Curtain walling should comply with Secured by Design recognised glazed wall systems.

13. Due to the fact that part of the school is to be used after school hours for communal use it will be necessary to have the ability to lock down areas of the school building to prevent unauthorised access by community users.
14. An Intruder alarm should be installed and monitored by an alarm company and zoned to allow for afterhours use. A suitably designed, fit for purpose, monitored intruder alarm system must be installed. For police response, the system must comply with the requirements of the NPCC Security Systems Policy.
15. To reduce the chances of bullying, open plan student's toilets should be designed which provide good visibility for members of staff.
16. Secure cycle storage should be placed in an area which can be clearly seen from occupied offices and classrooms, or reception area.
17. Bin storage areas should be secure to prevent using bins as climbing aids.
18. All furniture such as benches and litter bins should be securely fixed to the floor.
19. Clear signage should be displayed to the reception entrance and areas where public are not allowed access.
20. Students and staff should be supplied with secure lockers for storage of personal belongings.
21. With such a high incidence of arson it is obvious that schools should be designed with arson prevention in mind. Architects should consult with the fire service and insurance specialists and a full cost benefit analysis should be undertaken on the installation of a sprinkler system for all new building projects or substantial refits and renovations.

For further information on Secured by Design Standards please visit the website

www.securedbydesign.com

www.securedbydesign.com/New-Schools-2014

Secured by Design

It is advisable that the school is built to achieve a Secured by Design award as are most other schools throughout the South Wales area.

South Wales Police operates the Secure by Design (SBD) initiative and is an NPCC (National Police Chiefs Council) and Home Office scheme which promotes the inclusion of crime prevention measures into developments. A safe and secure environment is the prime objective of the Secured by Design initiative. To achieve this result, equal weight should be given to both environmental design and physical security.

Experience in Wales has shown that developments built to full Secured by Design standards suffer very few crimes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any points regarding these recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

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