



**RE: Application for Review - AKI Smith Limited , Harrylayock , Forestmill ,
Clackmannanshire , FK14 7NE - Planning Application No : 18/00029/PPP -
RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Andrew McGuirk (231) to: Local Review Body

06/09/2018 09:08

History: This message has been replied to.

Summary and update;

1. There has been an increase in sheep and cattle thefts over the first few months of 2018, mainly in Tayside and parts of Fife but nothing of note in Forth Valley. This might be due to the fact that most of the land in the Central Belt is used for crop growing and the that Stirling homes the Agricultural auction which means most livestock are only in the fields for a short period before being moved on.
2. From the 01/01/2016 until 01/09/2018 Forth Valley has experienced 75 recorded thefts of Industrial machinery with only 18 incidents being from rural locations, items stolen included Quad bikes/tractors/farm machinery, all of which were left insecure.
3. Throughout the same period Forth Valley has recorded 30 incidents involving animals, none of which involves sheep rustling or theft of cattle. The majority of these incidents have been sheep worrying and theft of dogs.
4. I would further highlight that if any Dwelling is to be afforded planning permission that the owner include relevant security prevention in any application to show that the presence of the dwelling will assist to deter any crime on the land.

Many Thanks


Andy



Grant Baxter/CLACKS

29/03/2018 09:10

To "Andrew McGuirk (231)"
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Subject RE: Planning Application - Police advice - 18/00029/PPP 

Thanks for this Andy.

Its very helpful.

Kind regards

Grant

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| "Andrew McGuirk (231)" | Hi Grant, my apologies for a delay in reply... | 29/03/2018 08:59:08 |
| From: | "Andrew McGuirk (231)" <Andrew.McGuirk@ | |
| To: | "Grant Baxter" | |
| Date: | 29/03/2018 08:59 | |
| Subject: | RE: Planning Application - Police advice - 18/00029/PPP | |

Hi Grant, my apologies for a delay in reply, due to annual leave.

With regard to this planning application and the reference to Security I can understand the applicants suggestions that Rural Crime is on the increase and that building this house could help in reducing the relevant risks to his herd or flock, the possibility to reduce the risk of theft to machinery etc.

However, I have had a discussion with the local Area constable, re-searched Crimefile and spoken to the Police Wildlife Officer for Forth Valley and found no noticeable increase in rural Crime in respect of livestock theft, within the area of the proposed build, or indeed in Forth Valley or Fife. The targeted risks on a farm or rural businesses tends to be the machinery and or items within secured buildings. We could look it at in respect of the house as proposed for building, it is probably more likely to be a target of crime than any livestock or un-secured machinery.

I appreciate the applicants comments on the additional security that is had by having an occupied dwelling close to the working farm and the applicants suggestions that personel work long and difficult hours so commute to work becomes easier and extra eyes and ears on the ground can reduce the risks of criminal activity. Proper storage and locks are essential as machniery used by personel is more likely to be targetted, such as Quad Bikes and tractors which is on the increase due to demands by Serious Organised Crime and the ease to transport abroad. The majority of this crime is usually due to inadequate security and unsecure machinery on the farm and is specific targetting by these gangs.

From the Policing point of view and to help reduce Crime and the risk of Crime with our Rural Areas any additional features on the build would be helpful, such as 360degree windows on all relevant

external walls, relevant outdoor lighting, security cameras and appropriate access to the mains road to reduce the possibility of a road accident, use of timer switches in the house etc. Further to this relevant locks and alarms fitted to all buildings would also help to reduce the risks. As for the security of livestock, additional Wildlife cameras, random checks on the stock and where livestock are placed in fields etc. are all considerations for the applicant to make to help reduce risks of crime.

To summarise, any positive aspect of improving security within rural areas is a good thing and I understand the applicants views and suggestions in respect of what this new build would potentially bring to the immediate area.

For your consideration

PC 231 Andy McGuirk

From: Grant Baxter
Sent: 15 March 2018 14:21
To: Andrew McGuirk (231)
Cc: Planning
Subject: RE: Planning Application - Police advice - 18/00029/PPP

Hi Andy,

Here is the background to the case.

The application is by AKI Smith, who are based at Giblesley Farm, but also own land at Harrylayock, just off the B913 road to Saline, where the proposed house would be.

I've attached the site plan which shows the proposed house plot outlined in red. As you'll see it immediately adjoins an existing house.

I've also attached an extract from the supporting documents that refers to the security concerns. I've pasted in a link to the whole file where all documents can be viewed.

Essentially, we would welcome your views on the security concern that the applicant has referred to, and whether you would view this as a genuine concern, and one which the proposed house could justifiably address.

Many thanks
Grant

<https://eplanning.clacks.gov.uk/eplanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=P44YR6EYHPH00>

The Need for On-Site Accommodation

Business Control

The business has been in operation at Gibsley and Harrylaylock for many years and the third generation of the family is now employed in the business. The business needs to employ an essential worker to take over some of the working responsibilities currently carried out by the family who run the business. It is essential that key personnel can live on the farm and be easily accessible for assistance with the day to day running and the making processes involved in running an agricultural business.

Efficiency

Farming regularly involves working long, anti-social hours and on-site accommodation is essential to sustain the working regime and will save time and money. This is especially pertinent when a farm business is split between the two units.

Security

The farm is located close to significant urban populations and with the increase in security is a major concern. Staff living on or close to the farm helps prevent or deter theft of valuable livestock, and stored supplies.

Cattle are of considerable value worth in excess of £1000 per animal and the theft of these animals is increasing and the business cannot afford to have these animals being stolen due to the lack of supervision or staff on site as a deterrent to the potential thieves. Sheep are also at risk of theft and the worrying is on the increase as well. The threat of this will be reduced by the presence of a farm worker living on site.

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From: "Andrew McGuirk (231)"
To: "Grant Baxter"
Date: 15/03/2018 08:14
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Hi Grant, happy to have a look, is it best to arrange a meet with you at Kilncraigs

cheers Andy

From: Grant Baxter
Sent: 13 March 2018 16:56
To: Andrew McGuirk (231)
Cc: Planning
Subject: Planning Application - Police advice - 18/00029/PPP

Dear P.C. McGuirk,

I have a current planning application for a rural house, where the applicant has indicated it is required to provide security to a cattle herd, and has raised concerns about theft.

Could I forward you the details of the application and their concerns and ask for some input on this from the Police perspective?

Many thanks

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