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Dear Lynsay,

I refer to your request for a consultation for the above proposal. I have reviewed the development and drafted a short statement highlighting any security-related issues and put together a series of recommendations intended to reduce the risk of criminals being attracted to the locality or the presence of the development being a factor in generating criminal activity. Having now reviewed the plans, we have recommendations to help alleviate any concerns, and improve the natural and passive surveillance of the proposed area during the day & night.

Observations of the site and surroundings

The location of the proposed food trailer and outdoor seating on Holbrook Street appears to be within a secluded section at the end of the street, with the proposed location being behind the existing outdoor seating area. Having not seen the site in the hours of darkness I am not able to determine how appropriate the current lighting is and whether or not it is adequate for the proposed development.

I note that there are various bars and restaurants located in close proximity to the development, which creates medium to high levels of footfall throughout the day & night.

Risk Assessment

Below are examples of issues generated by developments of this nature:

- The misuse of outdoor seating i.e. non-paying customers using the facilities, theft of furniture.
- Having an outdoor space that is not defined properly between public and private areas.
- Any re-positioning of tables and chairs by customers could create obstructions and lead to frustration and conflicts that may develop into antisocial or criminal behaviour.

Recommendations to Improve Security

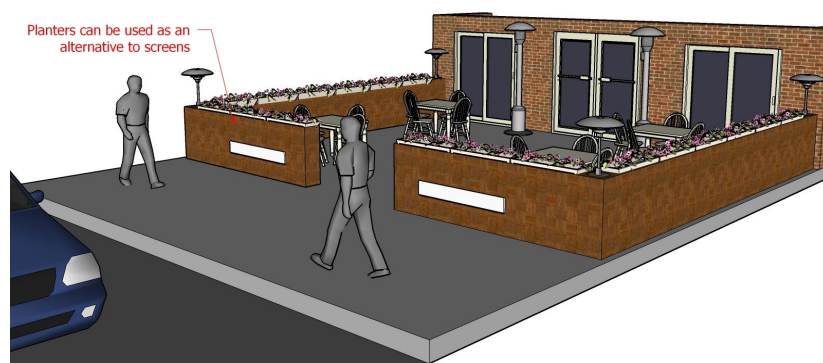
The following points have been identified as pertinent security measures to the development.

Physical Security

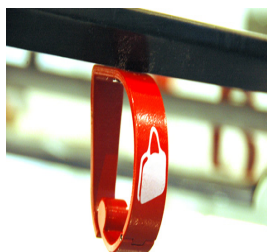
Food Trailer

- The proposed food trailer should be of robust construction and no items of value/ or cash should be stored within it overnight.

Outdoor Seating:



- **Defining boundaries** - Sturdy temporary barriers/screens/planters should define the entire area being used and to enclose the tables and chairs. There should be only one entrance/ exit point for customers
- Tables and chairs to be visible from within the food trailer.
- We would advise not to allow tables, chairs or temporary barriers to remain within the public domain after 11.00 pm.
- Tables and chairs should be heavy enough to resist movement by wind.
- Tables must be of a design that are suitable for attaching 'property clips' to secure handbags/laptop bags and, if necessary, can be stacked for storage without damaging the clips. Customers should be shown how to use the clips. As an alternative use tables with shelves or net bags under the tabletop.



- Use chairs with rounded rather than square backs to deter customers from hanging bags on them.

Lighting

- Where natural or street lighting is insufficient, the management of the proposed development should provide lighting for the area occupied by tables and chairs

Management & Maintenance

The success of the development will be dependent upon the effective management and maintenance of the site. A security management plan should include measures to deal with the following:

- Staff must be vigilant in observing customer behaviour and ensure that tables and chairs remain within the designated area - any transgression should be dealt with promptly. In order to avoid confusion, it would be desirable to incorporate some subtle ground markings to indicate the permitted extent of the seating area in order to prevent encroachment within the clear passage
- Frequent inspection and prompt repair of security features (e.g. lighting CCTV, signage, barriers, locks, fencing and rails).
- Regular litter and graffiti removal (if applicable)
- Staff must carry out risk assessments relating to opening up and closing of the premises. Lone working at the beginning or end of the day is not recommended.
- There should be a robust strategy developed for dealing with cash on the premises and cash in transit.

I hope this is of use and please don't hesitate to contact us, if we can be of further assistance in relation to this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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