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Dear Josephine

Thank you for inviting the Metropolitan Police to review and comment on this planning application,

Regarding: **43-45 Camden Road, Nw19LR**

Change of use at ground floor level from Private Members Club (Sui Generis) to cafe (Class A1/A3) between 08:00 and 18:00 and associated alterations to include the replacement of the existing low rendered wall on Camden Road elevation with black painted metal railings, removal of external grilles, addition of 3no retractable canopies and 8no spotlights above fascia, new entrance door with added lantern above, and new external vent to north elevation.

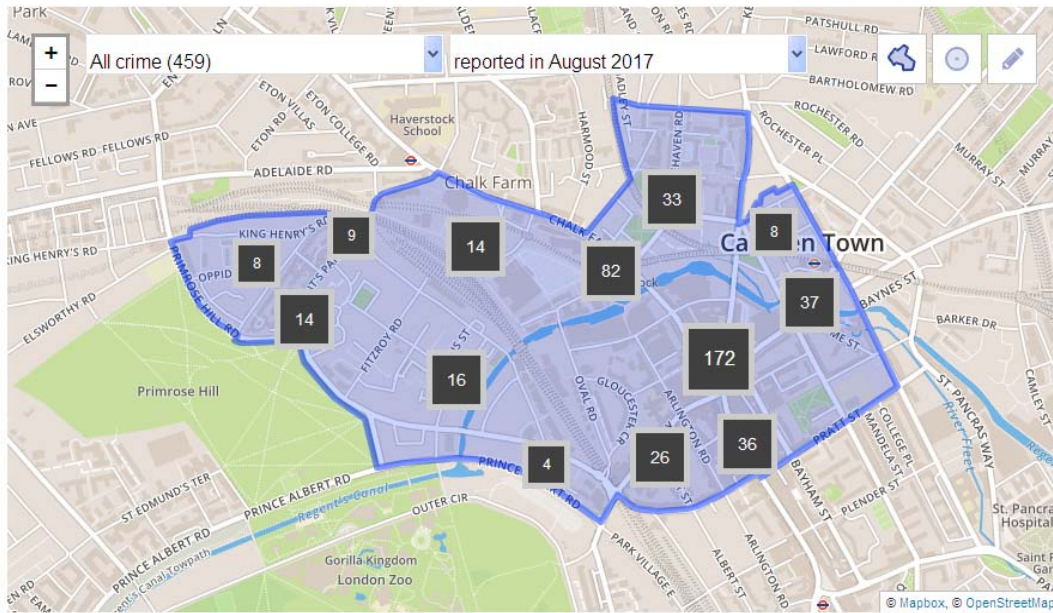
The risk of crime within both the public and non-public areas of the proposed development, and the interaction between the two, should be considered at the outset and preventative measures made.

I have reviewed the crime rate in the ward that the proposed development is situated on, sourced from [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk) as per the illustration below:

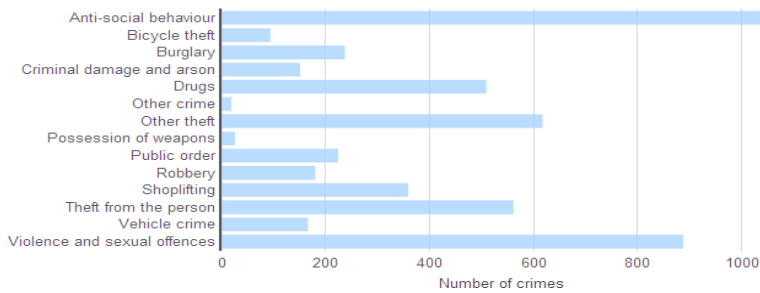
The crime map has highlighted that the following crimes were reported in the area and that the area is experiencing an increased number of ASB (Antisocial behaviour), violence and sexual offences and other theft.

Specifically my research on [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk) has highlighted that crime is occurring directly in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development.

The table below also illustrates that a vast majority of incidents show ASB as the highest offence, often this is a pre-cursor to violence, theft (Other) and theft from person.



Comparison of crime types in this area between September 2016 and August 2017



Crime type	Total	Percentage
Anti-social behaviour	1074	21.04%
Bicycle theft	94	1.84%
Burglary	237	4.64%
Criminal damage and arson	151	2.96%
Drugs	509	9.97%
Other crime	19	0.37%
Other theft	617	12.09%
Possession of weapons	26	0.51%
Public order	224	4.39%
Robbery	180	3.53%
Shoplifting	359	7.03%
Theft from the person	561	10.99%
Vehicle crime	166	3.25%
Violence and sexual offences	887	17.38%

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As such, serious consideration must be given to crime and ASB at the proposed development site.

The following measures have been developed to minimise the risk of crime in a visually acceptable manner and meet the specific security needs of this site:

Recommendations:

Main entrances

The main entrance door should be fitted with LPS 1175 SR2 rated door which will have toughened and laminated glass; this will prevent any injuries to any person who tries to commit criminal damage and any bystanders. Also, with the heightened terrorist threat at busy locations the doors will act as a barrier to protect people escaping from such attacks.

Rear Access

This area appears to be vulnerable with the low walling which surrounds the courtyard area. The addition of a 300 mm trestle along the top of the wall will mitigate this risk and consideration should be given to the rear access gate and addressing the security of this. Any door from the courtyard to the premises I would recommend as being PAS 24 rated and covered with 'dusk till dawn' lighting. This lighting will compliment any CCTV that covers this area. This will make the area less appealing for burglars as the area is not covered by any natural surveillance.

Separation of café and office space

I have not spoken to the applicant of this project but from reviewing the plans it would appear there would be permeability between café and office space. If this is the case then I would recommend all doors between both spaces to be PAS 24 rated and controlled with an access system which will prevent unauthorised movement between the two spaces.

Should the applicants or the Planning Authority have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact this office either by email - DOCOMailbox.NW@met.pnn.police.uk or telephone quoting the reference number shown above.

I would ask that my interest in this planning application be noted and that I am kept apprised of developments.

Kind Regards,

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The primary objective of an efficient Police Force is the prevention of crime

Crime Prevention advice can be found on the Metropolitan Police Service Website - <http://content.met.police.uk/site/crimeprevention>

Note - Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988 states *"It shall be the duty of each Authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent Crime and Disorder in it's area"*, as clarified by PINS953.