

Planning Consultation (DPD)

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Thank you very much for inviting consultation regarding the above.

My role as the Police Designing Out Crime Officer (DOCO) is to provide appropriate and relevant advice and recommendations to the Planning Authority, Developers and Architects with regard to designing out opportunities for crime, the fear of crime, anti- social behaviour (ASB) and conflict within the built environment, an effective method in improving the safety, security and wellbeing of those who will live, work and visit those environments.

The type of applications I would respond to, as agreed between the Police and the Local Planning Authorities are: -

- Major housing schemes of 10+ dwellings
- Major commercial office, industrial, retail or leisure schemes
- New neighbourhood or district community facilities
- Shop front improvements
- Proposals which include significant areas of open space/landscaping as part of a development, including linkage footpaths
- Proposals incorporating significant off-street car parking provisions
- Proposals involving transport interchanges or other significant highway infrastructure
- Improvements such as cycle lanes and new or improved footpaths
- All applications for Class E(c), and Sui Generis food and drink uses
- New or redeveloped schools/education premises
- Where the intended occupants are particularly vulnerable and require higher standards of security to ensure their person safety (this would include Gypsy and Traveller sites, care homes and drug rehabilitation centres)
- ATM's
- Solar Farms
- Any planning policy documents where community safety is relevant. This will include the Core strategy and Supplementary Planning Guidance documents

As such it may be that some future developments within these areas will not receive a response from the Police, so reference to designing out crime and crime prevention per se should be embedded at the most appropriate and relevant place of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

- National Planning Policy Framework 2019 (NPPF), specifically Sections: -
8 - Promoting healthy and safe communities, paragraph 92. Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which:
 - b) are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of clear and legible pedestrian routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas.
- 12. Achieving well-designed places, paragraph 130: -*
 - f) Create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998, specifically section 17 which directs that we must have community safety embedded into our planning, our policy and our operational day-to-day activity. It states, 'Without prejudice

to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority 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 that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area'.

All relevant planning applications should demonstrate, generally in the Design and Access Statement, the following principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and how they have been considered and incorporated into the design and layout of all new developments. This provides reassurance and will ensure a consistent level of security throughout and opportunities for crime, the fear of crime, ASB and conflict are minimised: -

- **Access and movement** - Places with well-defined and well used routes with spaces and entrances that provide for convenient movement without compromising security.
- **Structure** - Places that are structured so that different uses do not cause conflict.
- **Surveillance** - Places where all publicly accessible spaces are overlooked.
- **Ownership** - Places that promote a sense of ownership, respect, territorial responsibility and community.
- **Physical protection** - Places that include necessary, well-designed security features.
- **Activity** - Places where the level of human activity is appropriate to the location and always creates a reduced risk of crime and a sense of safety.
- **Management and maintenance** - Places that are designed with management and maintenance in mind, to discourage crime.

I look forward to providing advice and recommendations regarding planning applications that sit within my remit of response, but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards



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