

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for consulting Thames Valley Police on the above and congratulations on a very well constructed document.

In relation to crime prevention design I recommend that something along the following is included within the proposed policies;

All development should incorporate the principles of 'Secured by Design' (SBD) and, wherever possible, achieve SBD accreditation to ensure that a safe and sustainable community is maintained.

SBD is an Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) initiative which has a proven track record in assisting with the creation of safer places by providing guidance on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and by requiring a minimum set of standards on physical security measures. Independent academic research shows that it can reduce burglary by up to 75% and vehicle crime by 25%. The scheme comes in two parts; an SBD Award which is achieved by whole developments that demonstrate conformity to design principles and security standards across the entire site and, Part Two compliance which is achieved when the physical features (windows, doors, locks etc) of the structures themselves meet specified, Police preferred standards. Although an award can be more of a challenge at times and may require negotiation, achievement of Part Two compliance is simply a matter of supplying and fitting the required features to accepted and tested specifications. Further details can be found at www.securedbydesign.com. N.B; *Parts of this paragraph could be used as part of your justification for inclusion of the policy.*

I suggest the following be used as further justification for insisting on well designed and secure development with the sentence above:

- It fits well with your authority's aim regarding the 'Look and Feel' of development where it is stated that the intention is 'To develop a safe, attractive and varied environment.....Thereby creating a strong sense of community and belonging'.
- In relation to sustainability of development, recorded domestic crime equates to over 6 million tonnes of Co2 per annum; the reductions in relation to this that can be achieved through CPTED and SBD are therefore clear.
- It would conform to VWHDC saved Local Plan Policy DC3 where it states that; '*The design and layout of new buildings and the spaces around and between them as well as access provisions must be arranged to increase security and deter crime*'.
- And, it also aligns with The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 (Part 7, Sect 58; 'Requiring good Design' and Part 8, Sect 69; Promoting Healthy Communities') where it

states that development should create *'Safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion'*. Achievement of SBD standards and inclusion of CPTED principles within development are, to my mind, the only way to ensure this.

I hope you find my recommendations useful and if you need anything else or would like to discuss things further please do give me a call. Thank you once again for consulting TVP on your Plan, it is much appreciated.

Regards

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