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Thank you again for returning my telephone call. As briefly discussed below is my introduction and initial thoughts regarding the Draft Sites and Policies Development Plan Document and the Draft Design Supplementary Planning Document in relation to Secured by Design.

I am the Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor for Merton Borough. My role involves working closely with architects, developers and Merton Council Planning Office to promote the principles of SecuredbyDesign (SBD), and encourage SBD principle's are incorporated into new builds or refurbishments within the borough.

My two remits are

- to prevent crime
- reduce the fear of crime

Profession Martin Gill when speaking at a SecuredbyDesign training seminar recently said research has found that homes with low security have over **seven times** the rate of victimisation then homes with high level security and that bespoke security is necessary as 'one size fits all' is less effective.

I was disappointed to find that SBD is only mentioned in the Bibliography of the Draft Sites and Policies Development Plan Document and not mentioned in the Draft Design Supplementary Planning Document.

I would like to make the suggestion for the Draft Sites and Policies Development Plan Document and the Draft Design Supplementary Planning Document to be augmented with references to SecuredbyDesign and Counter Terrorism.

I have copied Lambeth Council's Core Strategy as an example

Lambeth LDF Core Strategy - Section 4 - Strategic Policies

Policy S9 - Quality of the Built Environment

Creating safe and secure environments that reduce the scope for crime, fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and fire, having regard to Secured by Design standards, and addressing resilience to terrorism in major development proposals.

Crime Prevention Design Advisors can provide advice on safe and secure environments and the application of Secured by Design Standards. Guidance

on resilience to terrorism in major development proposals is published by the National Counter Terrorism Security Office.

If using this as a template I would like to add

'and Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA's) can provide advice to reduce vulnerability and reduce the possibility of a terrorist attack'.

Another examples are:-

Wandsworth Councils Core Strategy

**Wandsworth Local Development Framework
Core Strategy Adopted Version (October 2010)
Promoting good quality design**

4.133 Good urban design, architecture, landscape design and public art are key elements to achieving sustainable development. Good quality design is sustainable, durable and adaptable. Good design is also key to creating a sense of place, and a healthy and safe environment, by reducing crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, encouraging physical activity and active travel and making developments accessible and inclusive, including facilities for people with disabilities. New development should have regard to the design principles adopted by the Government in 'Safer Places' and 'Secured by Design'. Quality of design can make all the difference to the success of busy public spaces. Making Wandsworth Safer is a strategic objective in the Sustainable Community Strategy. Planning legislation now makes it a requirement for most types of planning application to be accompanied by a design and access statement. This should articulate the design concept, in particular how the scheme relates to the existing context, as well as explain how issues such as access have been addressed and should give local communities a better understanding of what is proposed.

Sutton Council

Core Planning Strategy – Adopted December 2009

6.189 The design and layout of the physical environment can help reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour. The creation of a sense of place is an important factor in improving safety and consequently a design led approach is essential in all developments. The 'Secured by Design' police scheme should be adopted in all major developments in Sutton Borough to minimise the risk of crime and disorder and create a safer Borough. Further detailed guidance is set out in the Designing Out Crime SPD.

The London Plan gives guidance to the measures to be included in designing out crime, I have copied the relevant part below, this may help identify the elements we need in Merton.

The London plan 2011 LONDON'S LIVING PLACES AND SPACES

Policy 7.3

Designing out crime

Strategic

A. Boroughs and others should seek to create safe, secure and appropriately accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.

Planning decisions

B. Development should reduce the opportunities for criminal behaviour and contribute to a sense of security without being overbearing or intimidating. In particular:

a routes and spaces should be legible and well maintained, providing for convenient movement without compromising security

b there should be an indication of whether a space is private, semi-public or public, with natural surveillance of publicly accessible spaces

c design should encourage a level of human activity that is appropriate to the location, incorporating a mix of uses where appropriate, to maximize activity throughout the day and night, creating a reduced risk of crime and a sense of safety at all times

d places should be well designed to promote a sense of ownership and respect

e places, buildings and structures should incorporate appropriately designed security features

f schemes should be designed with on-going management and future maintenance costs of the particular safety and security measures proposed in mind.

The above measures should be incorporated at the design stage to ensure that overall design quality is not compromised.

7.10 Measures to design out crime should be integral to development proposals and be considered early in the design process, taking into account the principles contained in Government guidance on 'Safer Places' and other guidance such as 'Secured by Design' published by the Police. Development should reduce the opportunities for criminal and anti-social behaviour and contribute to a sense of security without being overbearing or intimidating. Places and buildings should incorporate well-designed security features as appropriate to their location and use, which maximise the security of people and property without compromising the quality of the local environment. All

spaces should have clear ownership, and be managed in a way that shows clearly that the space is cared for. Future maintenance of the space or building should be considered at the design stage.

7.11 Buildings and spaces should be designed in a way that clearly defines whether they are public, semi-public or private, and provides opportunities for activity and casual surveillance of publicly accessible spaces. Pedestrian, cycle and vehicular routes should be well defined and integrated, and limit opportunities for concealment.

The paragraph regarding SBD and CT could be added within the DM D1 Design considerations in all developments subsection 6.5 (page 53), and DM D4 Urban design and the public realm subsection 6.34 (page 59) of the Draft Sites and Policies Development Plan Document. Also in the Design Supplementary Planning Document subsection 2.6 Environments and subsection 4 Design Guidance - The Public Realm Security and Safety.

I am happy to attend any consultations to discuss the inclusion of SBD and CT within the draft documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

I have identified two further policies in the Draft Sites and Policies Development Plan Document that could possibly be augmented to stress safety and security. I have prepared short paragraphs that may be considered for use,

DM H1 Supported care housing care homes.

The accommodation should incorporate designed security features that creates a safe place to reside where opportunities for criminal behaviour are reduced. The design should take into account the principles contained in the Government guidance on 'Safer Places' and other guidance such as 'Secured by Design' published by the police.

DM T3 Applying relevant car parking and servicing standards

Car parks should have measures in place that deter criminal activity and create a safe environment for both people and vehicles. The facility should be properly managed, maintained and have appropriate levels of surveillance, lighting, signage and cleanliness all of which contribute to reducing the opportunity for crime as provided in the guidance from the Safer Parking Scheme and within the Park Mark Safer Parking Award.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding the above, my last email or if I can be of any assistance.

Kindest regards

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