

**Police Designing out Crime Officer (DOCO) (Formerly Architectural Liaison Officer – ALO) Protocol with Planning Authority:-**

- Major housing schemes of 10+ dwellings
- Major commercial offices, industrial, retail or leisure schemes
- New neighbourhood or district community facilities
- Relevant 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 A3, A4 and A5 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 personal safety; care homes & drug rehabilitation centres for example
- Gypsy and Traveller sites
- ATM's
- Large Solar Farms/Arrays
- Any planning policy documents where community safety and security is relevant. This will include the Core strategy and Supplementary Planning Guidance documents

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**Attachments:** PROTOCOL.DOC

Good morning,

Thank you for requesting consultation with regard to A New Local Plan for East Devon – Issues and Options report.

### The Planning System and Crime and Disorder Prevention

My role as a Police Designing out Crime Officer (DOCO) (formerly Police Architectural Liaison Officer – ALO) is to act as the single point of contact for the planning authority, architects and developers in designing out opportunities for crime, fear of crime, antisocial behaviour (ASB) and conflict in the built environment. This is achieved by reviewing relevant planning applications (please see protocol attached) in conjunction with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) and Local and Neighbourhood Plans and policies to ensure the aims and objectives have been considered by the applicant and incorporated into the design and layout of proposed developments.

The advice and recommendations provided by the DOCO follow a crime and ASB analysis (where appropriate) and ensure that Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and Secured by Design (SBD) principles and practices are considered and embedded into the design of schemes. Incorporating such principles is an effective method in creating safe, secure, cohesive and sustainable communities where residents, visitors, businesses and legitimate business users are able to go about their daily routine without undue fear of crime or insecurity. Features include:

- 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 creates a reduced risk of crime and a sense of safety at all times
- Management and Maintenance: places that are designed with management and maintenance in mind, to discourage crime and disorder in the present and the future

*(Secured by Design (SBD) is the official police security initiative that works to improve the security of buildings and their immediate surroundings to provide safe places to live, work, shop and visit).*

Legislation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) places a duty on the planning authority to consider preventing crime, fear of crime, ASB and other behaviour which adversely affects the local environment (as referred to in the NPPF).

The NPPF clearly states that sustainable development is at the heart of its planning policy, defining three fundamental dimensions: economic, social and environmental. Crime and the fear of crime, as well as conflict and acts of antisocial and unacceptable behaviour can directly impact on all three of these dimensions.

This has been reinforced throughout the NPPF and in particular at paragraphs:

*91 Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which: are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion*

*& 127 Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments: 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<sup>46</sup>; and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.*

As the New Local Plan will be the starting point for the planning authority in the determination process of planning applications for East Devon, it is respectfully requested that 'designing out opportunities for crime, fear of crime, ASB and conflict' and the delivery of this through the Police DOCO, is referenced within the New Local Plan under the relevant topic areas and policies.

I hope the content of this response is constructive and useful in the guidance of future development of East Devon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist further.

Thank you

Kind regards

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