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**Re: Proposed modifications to the Development Management DPD.**

Dear Madam,

Thank you for consulting with me regarding the proposed modifications to the Development Management DPD. I am a Designing Out Crime Officer with the Metropolitan Police, a role I have held since attending the Home Office Crime Reduction College in 2002. I served throughout Haringey for over 26 years in many policing roles and know the borough and its challenges very well. I fully support "DMod5 - Proposals will be assessed against the principles of Secured by Design...". With regard to DMod 4, I request that the original wording is retained unchanged, "Comply with the principles set out in 'Secured by Design'".

Haringey is one of London's most deprived boroughs (4th, nationally 13th) and whilst it has much to offer, deprivation is a significant factor in levels of crime. Whilst the general trend in recent years has been reducing levels of crime, the latest statistics from the Metropolitan Police website show an 11.6% increase in total crime in October 2016 compared to the previous year; this is the highest increase in any of the 32 London boroughs. A local authority survey also shows that the number of Haringey residents who feel safe during the day and at night is below the national benchmark.

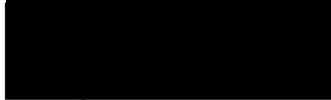
The Secured by Design scheme has proven results in reducing crime and the fear of crime, with up to 75% decreased chance of being burgled and a 25% reduction in criminal damage. The scheme is also successful at reducing anti-social behaviour, through a raft of measures including robust communal door standards, access control and careful design / layout of new homes. High crime can be a factor in why people move home and in Haringey, where a higher than average proportion of residents receive Housing Benefit, security improvements may well be outside their budget. This will place residents at greater risk of repeat victimization and is in no way sustainable.

The Secured by Design scheme can deliver safe and sustainable homes and businesses through techniques in crime prevention utilising independently tested products proven to resist forced entry. My colleagues and I strive to ensure that new developments across London reach the highest possible security standards, mainly through partnership working

with the relevant Planning Departments and requesting conditions to comply with Secured by Design. By including a requirement in Haringey's Local Plan that new schemes **comply** with the principles of Secured by Design, we are better placed to deliver secure developments across the whole borough. Respectfully, in my opinion, the inclusion of "*having regard to the principles*" will significantly weaken our position and allow those who seek to exploit the planning system with low quality, unsustainable homes the means to prosper.

Thank you again for seeking my opinion in relation to this important document. If you require any clarification of any of my comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,



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*The Primary Objective of an Efficient Police Force is the Prevention of Crime*

#### Sources

Crime statistics at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) Total crimes in Haringey rolling 12 month period to October 2015 was 24869. Total crimes in Haringey rolling 12 month period to October 2016 was 27754 = 11.6% increase.

Secured by Design information from [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

Deprivation and general background information from London Borough of Haringey website, especially *Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Factors affecting health* by Claire Kowalska.

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/other-factors-affecting-health/crime>