

# **Designing Out Crime Designing In Community Safety**

**Protocol for liaison between  
Leicestershire Constabulary Police Architectural Liaison  
Service and Charnwood Borough Council Planning  
Department**

**Leicestershire Constabulary and Charnwood Borough Council**

## **Forward**

It is widely acknowledged that the built environment can influence criminal behaviour with many of the offences committed being actively aided or occurring through designs which create opportunities for crime

Planning has a key role to play by promoting development design that endeavours to provide a safe and secure environment

This protocol has been produced to formalise the existing working relationship between the Local Authority Planning Department and the Police Architectural Liaison Service

The Local Authority in partnership with Leicestershire Constabulary will ensure that crime and disorder issues are fully considered when formulating planning policies and in determining planning applications

**Our aim is to prevent or reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and improve community safety through the planning process by designing out crime at every opportunity**

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**Ch. Supt. Paul Smith**  
**Head of Community Safety**  
**Leicestershire Constabulary**

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**Mr David Hankin**  
**Head of Planning Services**  
**Charnwood Borough Council**

## **The Role of the Planning Department.**

The Department's role is to consider, where relevant and appropriate, crime and disorder issues when formulating and reviewing planning policy and when determining planning applications.

The planning authority agrees to consult the Leicestershire Constabulary Architectural Liaison Officer in respect of the Local Planning Framework, Site Development and Supplementary Planning Documents and at all relevant stages in the determination of Planning Applications within the agreed categories.

## **The Role of the Police Architectural Liaison Service.**

The Police agree to assist the Local Authority by providing expert advice on the relationship between crime and environmental design and on relevant aspects of the physical security of buildings.

Advice will generally be given by way of written comment to the planning department and to the developer where applicable.

The advisory service is controlled and co-ordinated by the Force Architectural Liaison Officer assisted by the Area Crime Reduction Officer in respect of development control issues.

## **Scope of the Agreement**

This protocol seeks to establish a formal working relationship between the Local Authority and the Police to ensure that the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) are reflected in all (as defined) planning decisions

It is intended to cover all aspects of the planning process and which may be defined as follows

<b>Section 1</b>	Pre-Application Discussions
<b>Section 2</b>	Registration and Determination
<b>Section 3</b>	Post Decision
<b>Section 4</b>	Policy Formulation and Review

## Categories of Development requiring consultation with the Leicestershire Constabulary Architectural Liaison Officer

Development	Class	Threshold
Shopping centre, supermarket, free standing shops with associated car park, post office and banking/cash transfer facility	A1	
Betting Office	A2	
Restaurant, café	A3	
Public house/bar including change of use to public house/bar	A4	
Hot food takeaway including change of use to a hot food takeaway	A5	
Free standing business/industrial/warehousing premises, research or science park, industrial estate or distribution centre	B1, B2 B8	
Hotel, hostel, care home including refurbishment/conversion of existing building to provide this class of accommodation	C1, C2	10 bedr'm
Residential scheme including refurbishment/conversion of existing building to provide this class of accommodation	C3	10 units
New place of worship and significant enlargement of existing one	D1	
Day nursery	D1	10 spaces
New school, college, museums/art gallery and major extension to existing premises	D1	
New surgery or health centre and significant enlargement of existing one	D1	
Leisure facilities (cinema, concert hall, dance hall etc.) including a stadium for sport or similar entertainment provision.	D2	
A theatre or amusement arcade/centre		
Nightclub		
Garage, facility used for the sale of fuel or the sale, display, storage or repair of motor vehicles		
New public car park and major refurbishment of existing one		
Provision and siting of automatic teller machines		
Security measures including any application that deals with boundary protection, CCTV, shop front security etc		
Lighting schemes where planning permission is required		

## **Definitions**

### **Crime Prevention**

Crime prevention is about reducing the risk of occurrence and the potential seriousness, of crime and disorder events by intervening in their causes.

### **Crime Reduction**

Crime reduction is about reducing the number of crime and disorder events and the severity of their consequences.

### **Community Safety**

Community safety is the protection of people individually and collectively as far as possible, from hazards or threats that result from criminal or anti social behaviour, maintaining a right to live in confidence without fear for their own safety or fear for the safety of others, providing quality of life.