

Designing Out Crime Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Regulation 12 - Consultation Statement

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1. CONSULTATION STATEMENT

1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 The Council has prepared the Designing Out Crime Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD provides guidance on Policy CD2, TR1 and paragraph 10.9 of Local Plan 2024. The document sets out the commitment of the Council to crime prevention, what to consider during the preparation of a scheme, and how the Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Design Adviser can help. The SPD will provide guidance for developers and planners to ensure that all development proposals incorporate the principles of designing out crime. The SPD also contains a new section on counter terrorism.

1.2 LEGISLATION, POLICY AND GUIDANCE CONTEXT

1.1.2 Regulation 12 (a) of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) sets out that before adopting a supplementary planning document, an LPA must:

(a) prepare a statement setting out —

(i) the persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document;

(ii) a summary of the main issues raised by those persons; and

(iii) how those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document;

1.3 (I) THE PERSONS THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY CONSULTED WHEN PREPARING THE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

1.3.1 The Council undertook an eight-week consultation on the Designing Out Crime SPD from 28 November 2024 to 23 January 2025.

1.3.2 Relevant stakeholders and other specialist organisations were invited to workshops to inform the emerging Draft SPD prior to the eight-week formal engagement period commencing.

1.3.3 The Local Planning Authority has a Planning Policy consultation database which currently contains a total of approximately 2,900 consultees. The database includes 'general', 'specific', 'prescribed' and 'local' consultation bodies as required by legislation. The 'general consultation' bodies include voluntary bodies such as Kensington Society, Chelsea Society and Tenants and Residents Associations, bodies which represent the interests of different

racial, ethnic or national groups such as London Gypsy and Traveller Unit, bodies representing religious groups such as Christ Church Kensington, bodies representing the interests of disabled persons such as Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea and bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying out business in the Royal Borough such as KC Chamber of Commerce. A direct mail out was sent to all consultees on the Planning Policy database by email notifying them of the consultation and inviting comments. The documents were also available online under 'current consultations' on the planning pages of the Council's website and were open to anyone for comment. In addition to the Council's website, hard copies of the SPD were made available on request and were posted if practicable.

- 1.3.4 The 'specific' and 'prescribed' consultation bodies consulted included the Metropolitan Police Service, the Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England, Highways England, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Thames Water and the Mayor of London (GLA).
- 1.3.5 The 'local' consultation bodies consulted included individual residents and persons carrying on business in the Royal Borough who signed up to the above database or visited the specific pages of the Council's website.
- 1.3.6 The draft SPD was made available for inspection and on request in line with Regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Regulation requires a local planning authority to make documents available for public inspection at the authority's principal office and at such other places as the authority considers appropriate.

1.4 (II) A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ISSUES RAISED BY THOSE PERSONS

- 1.1.3 Pre-consultation meetings and workshops raised issues including sections on counter terrorism in crowded places, violence against women and girls (VAWG), anti-social behaviour (ASB) and how Metropolitan Police Service Designing Out Crime Officers can help advise with the design of developments.
- 1.1.4 A total of eleven responses were received through the formal consultation method via letter, email or the on-line response form through the Council's planning consultation portal. However, most did not respond to every question in the response form and instead chose to respond to a select number of questions that were of particular interest to them, or on specific sections of the document.
- 1.4.1 Among the respondents were a significant number of industry experts, including Metropolitan Police Service Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs), Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs), Natural England, the Environment Agency and the Port of London Authority.

Responses received

- 1.1.5 Responses received were supportive of the Draft SPD and its objectives. Comments agreed with the general principles embedded in the Draft SPD. In addition, industry bodies including the Metropolitan Police Service, Historic England, Natural England, and the Port of London Authority, expressed their support for the Draft SPD and agreed with the requirements and standards it sets.
- 1.1.6 A number of respondents were supportive of the Draft SPD in principle but also suggested changes and amendments to specific sections. These changes were considered and adopted where appropriate.

1.5 (III) HOW THOSE ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

- 1.5.1. There were several supportive comments which did not result in any substantive change to the Draft SPD, and the objections raised in relation to driving and the design of specific developments, could not be taken any further as outlined above.

2. Comments suggesting changes and amendments to the SPD from DOCOs, CTAs, Historic England, and local Councillors were considered and adopted where appropriate. The table below sets out a summary of how each of the main issues raised in the consultation have been considered and addressed.

Issue	Action
The SPD does not make any reference to dangerous driving, speeding or anti-social driving behaviours.	No changes made. This document relates to designing out crime within the planning process.
Request for amendments to the text to include reference to the TVRA - Threat and Vulnerability Assessment, in the checklist section and to update CT agencies, contact information and links.	Accepted and amended where appropriate.
Request to include the text to on Doors and Windows Building Regulations, to include reference to the Secured by Design Construction Site Guide, and to update contact information.	Accepted and amended where appropriate.

<p>Requests for specific changes in the text of the following sections: Historic Context, Physical Protection, Landscaping, Lighting, CCTV and Streetscape and Street Furniture; regarding the protection and preservation of historic assets.</p>	<p>Accepted and amended where appropriate.</p>
<p>Requests for amendments to the sections on natural surveillance and lighting to include consideration of aquatic habitats.</p>	<p>Accepted and amended where appropriate.</p>
<p>Comments on the safety of the design of balconies</p>	<p>Noted. This SPD is a borough-wide document that addresses best practice in designing out crime, and specific interventions such as this would not be appropriate for such a document.</p>
<p>Requests for more detail within the SPD on; ASB, inclusivity, community engagement, metrics for success, management and maintenance, and a change in the title of the document to "Designing Out Crime and ASB".</p>	<p>Noted – these comments are addressed in detail in the Schedule of Responses and the SPD amended where appropriate.</p>