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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ECDC local Plan - Single Issue review (SIR): Modifications Consultation

Good afternoon,

Our reference: CPDT/503/23

Proposal: Changes to Local plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revisions to the East Cambridgeshire local plan. Please could the following be considered and included within the policy.

**National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - Section 12 Paragraph 130(f) which states:** - 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 and where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion and resilience.*

In relation to the design and layout of new developments including homes, commercial space, schools, hospitals, and sheltered accommodation, Security and Crime prevention measures should be considered at the earliest opportunity as an integral part of any initial design for a proposed development the Designing out Crime Officers are an integral part of this process. It should incorporate the principles of 'Secured by Design' and demonstrate how the development proposals address the following issues, to design out and reduce the incidence and fear of crime:

- **Physical protection:** Places that include necessary, well-designed security features.
- **Access and movement:** Places with well-defined routes, spaces and entrances that provide for convenient movement without compromising security.
- **Safe routes:** Creating safe routes that are as straight as possible, wide, well lit, without hiding places and well-maintained and overlooked for security and provide a sense of security for all users.
- **Structure:** Places that are structured so that different uses do not cause conflict.
- **Lighting:** Ensuring appropriate and non-obtrusive lighting levels are achieved.
- **Private space:** Creating a clear separation between public and private spaces, avoiding public routes next to back gardens.
- **Surveillance:** Places where all publicly accessible spaces are overlooked.
- **Ownership:** Places that promote a sense of ownership, respect, territorial responsibility, and community.
- **Activity:** Places where the level of human activity is appropriate to the location reducing the risk of crime and creating a sense of safety, security whilst reducing the fear of crime.
- **Management and maintenance:** Places that are designed with management and maintenance in mind, to discourage crime in the present and the future.

In practice this means that “Secured by Design” status for new developments can be achieved through careful design. Developers should, at an early stage, seek consultation and advice from the Police Designing out Crime Officers at Cambridgeshire Police Headquarters.

If you have any queries or require further information, please see below contact details where we are more than happy to help.

Kind regards

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