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Chris,

With reference to the PLAN Selby consultation, please find attached two responses, one from our Police Traffic Management Officer and the other from myself.

North Yorkshire Police will be making a separate response to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, as this aspect is dealt with by a different department within the organisation.

Many thanks

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Dear Mr Watson,

**Selby District Council Local Development Framework - PLAN Selby - The Sites and Policies Local Plan and Flood Risk SPD Consultation**

Thank you for your recent email consultation notice in respect of the above. I have read through the documents associated with PLAN Selby and on behalf of the North Yorkshire Police Architectural Liaison service, I wish to respond as follows to Questions 30 and 33 of the Sites and Policies Local Plan.

**Question 30 – Chapter 4 - DMP Discussion & Review of SDLP policies**

'Designing out Crime' is a key factor in ensuring the long term sustainability of development. It is therefore important that future development in Selby, particularly housing, provides people with a good quality of life, free from crime, antisocial behaviour and the fear of crime. This can only be achieved by incorporating crime prevention principles into the design process (see Question 33 response below). The design of buildings and spaces can make a major contribution towards reducing the scope for crime, and create reassuring living environments. I therefore view 'Design' as being an important topic to concentrate on.

**Question 33 – Chapter 4 - Design**

The National Planning Policy Framework (paragraphs 58 and 69) recognises good design and the role that planning policy can play in creating safe, secure and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.

Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan, Policy SP19, states that both residential and non residential development should meet key requirements which include having public and private spaces that are clearly distinguished, safe and secure and that new development must minimise the risk of crime through active frontages and natural surveillance. This single paragraph is the only reference that the Council has made in respect of 'designing out crime'. As can be seen, it is scarce in detail.

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The Council has no specific Supplementary Planning Documents or other guidance in place to assist developers in respect of 'designing out crime'.

The introduction of National Planning Practice Guidance effectively removed many planning policy guidance documents including Safer Places - The Planning System and Crime Prevention, a companion guide to Planning Policy Statement 1. The only detailed guidance that can now be referred to is contained within the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) Secured by Design documents. Whilst these provide helpful advice, they are not Government guidance even though supported by the Home Office and Department for Communities and Local Government.

I therefore believe that there is a need for PLAN Selby to have a more detailed policy to elaborate on the advice outlined in Policy SP19. Such policy does not necessarily have to go into fine detail and I offer the following as an example that could be considered:

### **Designing Out Crime**

*The design of all new development must contribute to creating a safe and secure environment, integrating measures for security and crime prevention and minimising the opportunity for crime. The following points should be applied to all development proposals;*

1. *Developers should demonstrate how security measures form an integral part of the design;*
2. *Developments should be laid out and buildings positioned with the intention of creating active and vibrant neighbourhoods and maximising natural surveillance opportunities;*
3. *Public and private spaces should have clearly defined boundaries, utilising appropriate physical treatments and promoting the concept of defensible space;*
4. *Footpaths and cycleways should be designed to maximise legitimate use. Routes must serve the development and not present opportunities for concealment, unobserved access, or a choice of escape routes. Routes for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles should, in most cases, run alongside one another, and not be segregated. Movement frameworks based upon 'primary routes' and shared spaces, remove the need for under-used alleyways, short-cuts, footpaths and a large number of minor access points that can become vulnerable or facilitate crime;*
5. *Good lighting is essential to deterring criminal and anti-social activity. Spaces must be evenly illuminated to an appropriate level, whilst avoiding nuisance, annoyance and unnecessary spill or pollution;*
6. *Landscaping schemes require careful and sensitive consideration to ensure that they do not create secluded areas, impede surveillance opportunities, or position elements that could be exploited as climbing aids;*

7. *Developers should indicate what physical security measures have been incorporated into the design to resist crime (for example, the specification of doors and windows or provision of intruder alarm systems;*
8. *The deployment of CCTV may be considered necessary in certain circumstances;*

*Developers should, at the earliest stage possible, consult the Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor for advice on measures to be incorporated for designing out crime. Advice will be given based on current crime trends or particular crime risk, in accordance with Secured by Design principles.*

*In respect of Design and Access Statements, developers are strongly encouraged to show how measures to prevent crime and disorder have been incorporated.*

I am aware that Approved Document Q of the Building Regulations currently out for consultation, if adopted, will contain specific reference to 'Security' in respect of minimum standards for doors and windows. Other security aspects of layout and design are not covered.

North Yorkshire Police will be making a separate response to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan document, as the two aspects are dealt with by separate departments within the organisation.

I have no other comments to make at this time. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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