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**Our ref:** Gosport/Planning/Other Matters  
**Your ref:**

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 —

Dear Mr. Grygiel,

**RESPONSE TO – DRAFT GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL  
PLAN – REGULATION 18 – PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the opportunity to comment upon the draft local plan.

Reducing the opportunities for crime and disorder is a duty placed upon each Authority by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended). This requirement is reiterated within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

Early engagement with the applicant is key to identifying both, the crime and disorder drivers within an area, and the opportunities to reduce crime and disorder. When major development is being proposed Hampshire Constabulary would welcome consultation with the applicant at the pre application stage to discuss these issues.

Within Policy D9, at sub paragraph g, there is reference to reducing the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. We would ask if this sub paragraph can be amended to:

“Health: creating healthy communities, through design and layout of development to reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder (anti-social behaviour).”



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The Draft Gosport Local Plan, at paragraph 2.10.28 does contain a number of references to reducing the opportunities for crime, disorder and the fear of crime. We would ask that the bullet points are amended to incorporate the bullet points below within the Local Plan:

- Natural Surveillance of the public realm from the overlooking buildings.
- Provision of defensible space about dwellings and other buildings, with clear delineation between private, shared and public spaces.
- Providing a mix of dwelling types in residential schemes to increase the likelihood of community activity throughout the day.
- Provision of appropriately placed Public Open Space with good natural surveillance.
- Careful consideration of the position of furniture within the public realm so as to minimise the opportunities for crime and disorder.
- Provision of appropriate safe connectivity and permeability that minimises the use of subways.
- Designing: entrances, doors, windows and walls, to achieve the latest Secured by Design standard.
- Lighting throughout development should conform to the latest version of BS 5489 or BS 12464.
- Larger developments should incorporate wider security measures to protect the community against potential natural hazards and malicious threats.

The design and layout of a development influences the opportunities for crime and disorder (Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)). To reduce the opportunities for crime and disorder we would ask that our amendments are incorporated into the draft local plan.

If I can of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Designing Out Crime Officer



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