

**SOUTH WILTSHIRE CORE
STRATEGY**

EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

**Statement of Common Ground as
agreed between
Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire
Police**

19 FEBRUARY 2010

Plan reference: Strategic Objective 4, paragraph 4.5

Representation Number: 9881

Issues Raised

Representor stated that: 'One of the desired outcomes is that "all new developments will have met 'safe by design' standards". This is not explicit enough, and should clearly set out the exact criteria of Secured by Design (SBD), and all new homes should comply. The wording safe should be replaced with secure to reflect the name of the approved Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) scheme.

We are pleased to note from the delivery notes (page 194) for strategic objective 4 that secured by design will be considered at project level, and throughout the planning period and that the lead delivery agency will be the force architectural liaison officer. The wording in this section is testament to the growing liaison between the police and planning of which we actively welcome. Wiltshire Police provides commitment to this partnership through the dedicated role of their architectural liaison officer (ALO) in working with development control and forward planning to achieve the common goal of safer, satisfied communities in South Wiltshire.

Just by using the wording that all new homes will have met secured by design standards does not clearly set out the standards for applicants. The wording should either require them to comply with the scheme and receive certification, or provide documentary proof with the application, primarily the Design and access statement of how they intend to address crime prevention.'

Wiltshire Council Response

The Council agrees with the representor in that paragraph 4.5 could benefit from the proposed additional wording. Furthermore, it is agreed that the focus on requiring developers to comply with secured by design standards should be made stronger and clearer.

However, it is not seen as necessary to detail the exact criteria of Secured by Design standards within the Core Strategy document. In this instance, it would be more beneficial to include this criteria in a more specific Development Management Policies DPD as part of the wider Wiltshire Local Development Framework, where it can receive a higher level of consideration.

Agreed position

Insert minor additional text into paragraph 4.5, bullet point 1 to read:

All new developments will be required to comply with 'Secured by Design (SBD)' standards that should be detailed through a Design and Access Statement.

Plan reference: Strategic Objective 5, Paragraph 4.6

Representation Number: 9882

Issues Raised

Representor comment regarding desired outcome “design of new development will have included implementation of steps, which have reduced crime and anti social behaviour to make places feel safe.’ The document should stipulate, as strategic objective 4, exact requirements as to how this is going to be achieved.

Wiltshire Council Response

Agreed that there should be reference to Secured by Design standards, but that specific detail concerning the exact criteria of Secured by Design standards is not required within the Core Strategy DPD. It is more beneficial to include this in a more specific Development Control Policies DPD where it can receive a higher level of consideration

Agreed position

Insert minor additional text into paragraph 4.6 – Desired outcomes (12th bullet point)

- design of new development will have included implementation of steps in line with Secured by Design standards, which have reduced crime and anti social behaviour to make places feel safe.

Plan reference: Core policy 2

Representation Number: 9883

Issues Raised

There are a number of significant development sites for the South Wiltshire area and the Wiltshire police ALO is already in consultation with development control with regard to the Hampton Park development.
Advocating early consultation

Wiltshire Council Response

Noted

Agreed position

No change required

Plan reference: Core policy 3

Representation Number: 9884

Issues Raised

This policy states that “affordable units will be dispersed throughout a development and designed to a high quality, so as to be indistinguishable from other development”. Generally, social landlords require their affordable housing to achieve Secured by Design accreditation in order to receive grant funding from the homes and communities agency. Their level of security, doors and windows are distinctly different from the private housing. Therefore to fulfil this commitment to high quality units without segregation, all units should seek to achieve SBD compliance, this would help cohesion and avoid discrimination.

Wiltshire Council Response

Agreed that, for greater consistency and clarity, reference to SBD standards and compliance should be made in Core Policy 3.

The Council suggests making a minor amendment to the text of the 7th bullet point to reflect this position.

Agreed position

Make a minor change and minor addition of text into Core Policy (7th bullet point) for additional clarity and consistency with supporting text, to read:

affordable units will be dispersed throughout a development, so as to be indistinguishable from other development, and designed to a high quality and be Secured by Design compliant.

Plan reference: Paragraph 5.55

Representation Number: 9894

Issues Raised

Representor comment: "Working with the police to achieve 'safe by design' new communities". Again, this should read Secured by Design.

Wiltshire Council Response

Representor comment agreed. Replace 'safe' with 'secure'

Agreed position

Alteration to paragraph 5.55, bullet point 6.

Working with the police to achieve 'Secured by Design' new communities through early consultation