

Crime Impact Statements

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Purpose and type of consultation

This Consultation Paper sets out the Minister for Planning and Environment's proposals to introduce planning guidance relating to crime impact statements. This guidance will outline the policy context for crime impact statements, their purpose, when they are required and what they should contain. The intention is to ensure that applicants, designers and those who assess and decide upon development proposals give proper consideration to crime prevention matters to help reduce the potential for crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Minister would like to hear the views of those interested in and affected by the guidance.

Closing date: 17 February 2012

Summary

Crime and fear of crime remain legitimate concerns for many Islanders and land use planning has an important role to play in reducing the potential for crime in new developments. Island Plan policies GD1 (General Development Considerations) and GD7 (Design Quality) require development proposals to *"take into account the need to design out crime and to facilitate personal safety and security in accordance with the principles of safety by design, by way of a crime impact statement if required, as set out in supplementary planning guidance."*

The draft guidance requires the submission of crime impact statements (CIS) with appropriate planning applications, to help ensure that crime prevention matters are properly addressed in the design process and fully considered by decision makers. To this end, it provides an indicative list of development categories, which are likely to require a CIS, including major developments (e.g. housing developments of 10 or more homes and commercial developments of 1,000m² or more) and other developments where the risk of crime is greater.

The draft guidance also requires CISs to include an explanation of how existing and potential crime and disorder issues have been addressed as part of the design process and to demonstrate how established principles of 'designing out crime' have been taken into account. Applicants are encouraged to consider the principles and guidance set out in 'Secured by Design' (a UK police initiative supported by the UK Government), 'Safer Places – The Planning System and Crime Prevention' (A good practice guide produced by the UK Government that sets out how the planning system is able to deliver well-designed and safe places) and the Minister's forthcoming guidance on 'Design for Homes'. To assist with the preparation of CISs and the development of a consistent and effective approach, the guidance includes a suggested format of required contents.

It is emphasised in the draft guidance that a CIS must be produced by a competent person and that advice should be sought from the Crime Reduction Officer at the States of Jersey Police at an early stage in the design process.

Further information

The consultation can be viewed online at: www.gov.je/consult

Printed copies are available on request from the Department of the Environment, South Hill, St Helier.

Please send your comments to:

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This consultation paper has been sent to the following individuals / organisations:

Chief Officer, Home Affairs
Chief Officer, Transport and Technical Services
Crime Reduction Unit, States of Jersey Police
Association of Jersey Architects
Public Consultation Register
Environment Scrutiny Panel
Parish of St Helier Roads Committee
Chamber of Commerce
Jersey Construction Council

Supporting documents attached

Consultation draft advice note – Crime impact statements

Consultation response

A series of statements about the guidance are set out below which may help with your response. You may do this online on www.gov.je/consult or you can print and submit the questionnaire to the address below.

1. Designing out crime and designing in community safety should be central to the planning of new development.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
2. Crime impact statements have an important role to play in helping to ensure that relevant crime prevention measures are	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

addressed in the design of development proposals.					
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
3. There is a need for planning guidance on crime impact statements.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
4. The form of the planning guidance is clear and easy to understand and use.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
5. The proposed indicative categories of development, which are likely to require a crime impact assessment, are appropriate.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
6. The proposed indicative thresholds of development, which are likely to require a crime impact assessment, are appropriate.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
7. The suggested content for crime impact statements is appropriate.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
8. Applicants must take responsibility for providing crime impact statements where required.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
9. The crime impact statement should be produced by a competent individual or	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

organisation.					
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					
10. The Crime Reduction Officer (States of Jersey Police) should be consulted for crime prevention advice at an early stage in the design process.	Strongly agree	Agree	Don't know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
<i>Please give reasons for your answer</i>					

All comments submitted to States of Jersey public consultations may be made public. If you have a particular wish for confidentiality please indicate this clearly when submitting a response.

I agree that my comments may be made public and attributed to me ☐

I agree that my comments may be made public but not attributed (i.e. anonymous) ☐

I don't want my comments made public ☐

If you agree to your comments being attributed to you, please provide your details below:

Name:	Organisation:
Address:	
	Email:

Other comments can be submitted in writing or by email to the address below.

If you or your organisation would like to discuss these proposals further, or would like more information, please contact Roger Corfield, Principal Planner on 448409

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Deadline for consultation responses: 17 February 2012.

Your submission Please note that consultation responses may be made public (sent to other interested parties on request, sent to the Scrutiny Office, quoted in a published report, reported in the media, published on www.gov.je, listed on a consultation summary etc).