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Good Morning,

Thankyou for allowing us the opportunity to contribute towards the Lancaster Local Plan.

Currently, it is really positive to see that in the current Central Lancashire Local Plan you have included crime prevention and security as important factors to consider in new and refurbishment developments, we would encourage you to maintain these into the new Lancashire Local Plan to ensure safer communities for the future. – as shown below.

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CORE STRATEGY (Preston / Chorley / South Ribble)
(This strategy comes in 3 parts/documents)

Strategic Objectives

SO 20 To create environments in Central Lancashire that help to reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime, especially in the more deprived areas which often experience higher levels of crime.

Cross Cutting Themes Achieving Good Design Health is created and lived by people within the settings of their everyday lives. Good design can help to shape places so that healthy lifestyles are encouraged for example, by supporting Green Infrastructure and safe, sustainable transport networks, and the provision of a well-designed network of healthcare services. Good design can promote community cohesion and significantly reduce the risk of crime.

Part 2

Crime and Community Safety

11.19 Crime and the fear of crime, is a major factor in determining people's quality of life. Crime levels are generally below average in Chorley and South Ribble, but the more deprived areas of Preston have crime levels within the worst 10% in England and Wales.

The police and local authorities are working to reassure local communities with the advent of neighbourhood policing, and Police and Communities Together meetings. Partnership working between agencies includes Community Safety Partnerships which feed into the respective Local Strategic Partnerships.

11.20 Planning can help address crime through the design and layout of developments and individual buildings. "Secured by Design" is a national police initiative to promote awareness. It produces design guides and also has an accreditation scheme for residential and other types of development. Lancashire Constabulary employs a specialist Architectural Liaison Officer to advise developers and local authorities. Secured by Design principles concern the use of natural surveillance within developments, good lighting and the integration of security measures. Issues of road safety - particularly the reduction of accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists - is a matter relevant to the Sustainable Travel Chapter (Chapter 7).

11.21 Crime is often linked to other issues. For example, youth crime and anti-social behaviour may be reduced if there are adequate, affordable leisure and community activities in an area. In town centres, avoiding an over-concentration of pubs and bars in an area may help to disperse revellers so it is important that planning and licensing decisions complement each other. Introducing a greater mix of leisure uses into town centres may help to attract a wider age range of people.

Policy 26: Crime and Community Safety Plan for reduced levels of crime and improved community safety by:

- (a) Working with the police, community safety partnerships and other agencies to co-ordinate analysis and action.
- (b) Encouraging the inclusion of Secured by Design principles in new developments.
- (c) Providing adequate leisure and community facilities or activities, particularly in high crime areas, and especially for young people.
- (d) Aiming to achieve a complementary mix of uses in the City and key service centres with appropriate controls over entertainment uses, taking account of the local authorities' Statement of Licensing policies.

Part 3

10.1 Ensuring high quality design in both the natural and built environment is an integral part of the Core Strategy and seen as one of the three main cross cutting themes. Design is relevant to all areas of place shaping from protecting heritage assets and encouraging sensitive design, to master planning for new developments. It is important to 'design out' crime, and to 'design in' energy efficiency and other adaptations into new buildings to help reduce running costs, emissions and the impacts of climate change. Positive design is crucial for the natural environment, from maintaining, enhancing and expanding ecological networks and green infrastructure networks, to managing new development in areas of landscape character or environmental designations.

Policy 17: Design of New Buildings

The design of new buildings will be expected to take account of the character and appearance of the local area, including the following:

- (f) minimising opportunity for crime, and maximising natural surveillance.

In order to prevent crime and disorder and to keep people safe and feeling safe, crime prevention strategies should be integrated into development design as early as possible to allow a layered approach to security to be effectively integrated into the final scheme.

Secured by Design (SBD)

Lancashire Constabulary strongly advocate that all new and refurbishment developments in Lancashire be designed and constructed to Secured by Design security standards, and developers encouraged to apply for SBD accreditation, which provides a security framework that can be applied during the design, layout, and construction phases of a development. The scheme also identifies SBD approved security products.

Further information about Secured by Design, including Interactive Design Guides and Security Specifications can be found at www.securedbydesign.com.

A Crime Impact Statement (CIS) should accompany all Major Planning Applications, to embed security and crime prevention measures into developments and the overall planning process. The process should 'design out' crime risks and 'design in' security measures, to mitigate against crime, **prior to planning decisions being taken**.

The CIS should identify local crime risks and appropriate security measures, to ensure applicants, designers, decision-makers, developers, and Planning Teams consider crime and disorder, and make informed decisions about security issues.

To ensure this process is meaningful and adds value, it is imperative that the Applicant/Agent can demonstrate what crime risks have been considered and what security measures have been incorporated. This information should be included within the Design & Access Statement, Planning Statement, or other supporting planning application documentation.

Lancashire Constabulary provide Crime Impact Statements as a free service to all 'within threshold' major developments within the Lancaster City Council area as per the attached threshold document.

The below extracts from the National Planning Policy Framework 2023 detail safety and crime prevention requirements which should be included within Local Plans, and I also highlight Lancaster City Council's crime prevention responsibilities under the CDA 1998 below.

National Planning Policy Framework 2023

8. Promoting healthy and safe communities

S96: Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive, and safe places, which:

b) are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of clear and legible pedestrian routes, and high-quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas; and;

12. Achieving well-designed and beautiful places

135. Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:

f) 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.

Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (As amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006)

S17 Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, (a) crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social

and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); (b) the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area, (c) reoffending in its area, and (d) serious violence in its area.

This means that all Lancaster City Council policies, strategies, and service delivery should consider the impact of crime and disorder.

Blackpool Borough Council as an example, have included the following crime and security sections into their Local Plan 2011-2032, and we would encourage Lancaster City Council to include similar sections which can be incorporated into your Planning Application Validation Checklist process, to ensure applicants are informed about the CIS criteria and requirements and able to provide evidence of considered crime issues and inclusion of appropriate security measures within submitted Planning Application documentation. Where available, Applicants should provide copies of their Design & Access Statement, Location, Site, Elevation, Floor, Boundary Treatment and Lighting plans with their CIS request.

Policy DM17: Design Principles

- 3.** New development should:
- f.** be designed to prevent crime or the fear of crime;

Architecture and the Built Form

3.157 Developments that create dead frontages tend to reduce the amount of natural surveillance, visual interest and activity in the street, affecting the usability and attractiveness of those spaces. It is important that people can easily understand and navigate their way around the built environment without crime or fear of crime, and this is aided by locating entrances on main street frontages and by making all street frontages active.

Designing Out Crime

3.160 Crime and fear of crime have a considerable impact on both the life of individuals and their wider community. It is well documented that good planning and design have a major role to play in reducing crime. Design is one element that can influence the occurrence of crime - both positively and negatively. The aim of 'Designing Out Crime' is to reduce the vulnerability of people and property to crime by removing opportunities that may be provided inadvertently by the built environment. It also aims to reduce fear of crime and in doing so, helps to improve people's quality of life.

3.161 Applicants are encouraged to approach the designing out crime officers from Lancashire Constabulary, at an early stage in the design process to ensure that development incorporates 'crime prevention through environmental design principles.

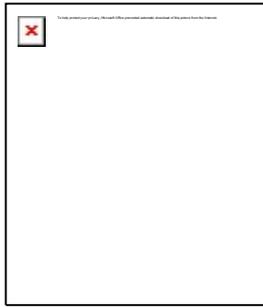
3.218 The NPPF confirms that new development should add to the overall quality of an area, be visually attractive, should be sympathetic to local character and history, establishing or maintaining a strong sense of place by creating attractive, welcoming and distinctive places to live and visit. New development should also create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion.

3.222 The Council promotes 'Secured by Design' principles which include for example, measures such as good lighting, CCTV cameras and alarms and toughened or laminated glazing. Using toughened or laminated glass is a more appropriate security measure and the lighting of interiors allow the vitality of the street to continue out of hours. This improves the character and safety of the street to the benefit of the local community and retailers alike. These measures can help to increase security and do not normally require planning permission.

We welcome the opportunity for further discussion and hope the above and attached are taken into consideration for inclusion in your Local Plan review.

Kind Regards,

Anna



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Dear Local Plan Stakeholder,

**RE: Central Lancashire Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation
Mon 24 February (2pm) to Mon 14th April (Midnight).**

The Central Lancashire Authorities of Preston, South Ribble and Chorley are undertaking a review of the development plan(s) for the area and are working towards the preparation of a Joint Local Plan for Central Lancashire. This will be a single planning document comprising strategic and development management policies as well as site allocations for future development across the three authorities. Once adopted, the Local Plan will guide the future growth and development of the Central Lancashire area and replace the Central Lancashire Core Strategy (adopted in 2012) and the Local Plans/Site Allocations and Development Management Policies for the three Central Lancashire Authorities (all adopted in 2015).

We are now consulting on our Publication (Regulation 19) draft of the Local Plan.

At this stage of plan-making, representations in response to the consultation must focus upon whether the Plan is 'sound' (i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy) and legally compliant. Guidance on these matters is published on our webpage. Please note that that anonymous representations cannot be accepted in response to this consultation.

You should also assume your representation will be published on the council's website, including your name. No other personal details are published.

Consultation on this document will run from **Mon 24 February (2pm) to Mon 14th April (Midnight)**.

All documents are available to download from our website at

<https://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk/>

We encourage you to respond to the consultation online because it will be much easier for us to understand and record what you want to say. You can access the consultation documents and give us your views here: <https://centrallocalplan.citizenspace.com/planning/cllp-regulation-19-representation-period/> There are a series of questions we would like you to consider answering as part of this consultation, but you only need to respond to those questions most relevant to you. If you would prefer to submit your response in a different way, please ensure you make it clear which questions you are responding to in your submission. You can send these to us by email at: centrallancashireplan@chorley.gov.uk or by post to:

Regulation 19 Consultation

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We are also holding a series of drop in events across Chorley, Preston and South Ribble during the consultation period where you can come and talk to us about the Local Plan. A full list of the events can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do let us know.

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