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Dear Mr Brownrigg

**ABERDEEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW: PRE-MAIN ISSUES
REPORT CONSULTATION**

I write in connection with your letter of 11 April 2013, announcing the review process for the current Aberdeen Local Development Plan and am grateful for the opportunity to respond.

Despite the economic downturn in many other places Aberdeen has continued to remain a vibrant and thriving city, attracting inward investment across all sectors of industry. However, for Aberdeen to reach its full potential it is necessary for safety to be an integral element; if a community is perceived as being unsafe then it can become more difficult for it to attract inward investment. This is something that I feel should be acknowledged within the Main Issues Report, along with the overt need for partnership working across all sectors.

While 'safety' can be an ephemeral factor that one can neither see nor feel, when it comes to building physical structures, irrespective of whether they are residential, commercial or leisure, it is possible to realise this in part, by designing out crime opportunities at the planning stage. For this reason, I advocate that early contact is made by developers with the relevant Police Scotland Architectural Liaison Officer in order that discussions can be held, amendments made wherever possible, and conformity with the principles of the 'Secured by Design' scheme can be considered.

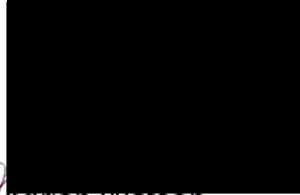
I naturally acknowledge that it would not be realistic to expect every single development, especially those on a small scale, to apply for 'Secured by Design' status. However, I believe it is feasible for all such developments to at least consider the principles behind this scheme, and in the case of larger ones to make formal application for this status with the support of our Architectural Liaison Officer.



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Once again, may I thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter and trust that my suggestions will be of use to you as you move forward with the Main Issues Report.

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Watson'.

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Chief Superintendent
Local Police Commander