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To: All Inspectors (England)

Relevancy: All Planning, Enforcement, Local Plans and Infrastructure casework

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CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER LETTER: SECURITY AND PLANNING

Action

1. A letter has been sent to LPAs to remind them of the important role that the planning system can play to ensure appropriate counter-terrorist and crime prevention measures are put in place in order to create safe and accessible communities, and that relevant policy and guidance is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). Inspectors are reminded to be aware of these issues and seek to ensure the relevant policy and guidance is applied in decision making.
2. LPAs are additionally reminded that they should ensure that their policies support these aims. Therefore Inspectors examining Local Plans will need to consider whether this is being achieved, where appropriate.

Background

3. The Chief Planner issued a [letter on 12 July 2017](#) to LPAs outlining the importance of design and that policies and decision-making help create safe and accessible communities by application of relevant government policy and guidance, outlined below:
 - [NPPF – Para 58-59](#) recommend that LPA's ensure their policies and decisions aim to create safe and accessible environments where crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine quality of life or community cohesion;

- [NPPF – Para 164](#) advises that local authorities' should work with local advisors and others to ensure the latest information on higher risk sites has been taken into account when preparing Local Plans;
- [Design PPG – Para 10-11](#) addresses crime prevention and security measures;
- **Protecting Crowded Places: Design and Technical Issues guidance** - published by the Home Office, gives advice about counter-terrorism protective security design to those involved in the planning, design and development of the built environment, from the preparation of local planning policy to the commissioning, planning, design and management of new development schemes, through to detailed building design.

Contacts for further information

4. Salaried Inspectors should contact XXXX (Planning casework), XXXX (Enforcement casework), XXXX (Plans casework), or XXXX (National Infrastructure casework) for advice on individual cases. NSIs should contact XXXX in the first instance.
5. Salaried Inspectors should contact XXXX regarding any general queries on this Note.