

Report To: Planning Committee

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**Title: Supplementary Planning Guidance: 'Planning for Community Safety' –
Consultation draft**

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1. This report accompanies a draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) document on planning for community safety which, if adopted, will be used in the determination of planning applications.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1. Following the adoption of the Denbighshire Local Development Plan (LDP), a SPG on planning for community safety is required in order to provide further guidance for developers, Officers and Members. A draft SPG for public consultation is attached to this report (Appendix 1).

3. What are the recommendations?

- 3.1. That Members agree the draft SPG on planning for community safety as a basis for public consultation.

4. Report details

- 4.1. The SPG supplements LDP policy RD 1 'Sustainable development and good standard design' by providing further guidance on how the layout and design of developments can take account of individual and community safety.
- 4.2. The public consultation period would be a minimum of 8 weeks and is anticipated to start in October 2016. It is anticipated that the results of the consultation will be reported back to the LDP Members Steering Group in December 2016, followed by Planning Committee with a final SPG for adoption in January 2017. If adopted, the SPG will be a material planning consideration when assessing planning applications.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

- 5.1. The SPG does not directly contribute to the corporate priorities but by ensuring the development of safe and attractive environments, will indirectly

contribute to improving the public realm, the local economy and the provision of good quality housing.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

6.1. Agreeing the SPG for consultation is not anticipated to create any additional cost.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

7.1 The Equality Impact Assessment screening exercise concluded that a (full) EqIA is not required. The completed EqIA template is attached to this report as Appendix 2.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1 Internal consultation has been carried out with the Development Management Team. Informal consultation has also been carried out with North Wales Police. Member input on the content of the SPG has also been provided through the LDP Member Steering Group.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 Any costs associated with the guidance should be contained within existing budgets and therefore there are no obvious financial implications contained in the report.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1 In the absence of detailed guidance there is a risk the Council will be unable to effectively operate the LDP policies with regard to ensuring developments are designed to take account of community safety and crime prevention.

11. Power to make the Decision

11.1 Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act (2004).