

## **What is a Crime Impact Statement?**

The Crime Impact Statement (CIS) was introduced in 2006 by Greater Manchester Police & the Greater Manchester Planning Authorities. The CIS process involves identifying, predicting, evaluating and mitigating the crime and disorder effects of a development proposal early in the design process—prior to planning decisions being taken and commitments made. The purpose of the CIS is to ensure that design decision-makers consider crime, disorder and fear of crime before determining whether to proceed with new projects. A CIS will include all the requirements for Secured By Design accreditation, should the client wish to apply for the award.

The Crime impact statement (CIS) is normally carried out in two parts; A and B.

Part A of the process is intended to provide an analysis of the existing site and highlight the issues that need to be considered in the detailed design of the development. Part A should include up-to-date analysis of local crime data and trends.

Once the layout and/or other details of the scheme have been prepared, Part B of the CIS should be prepared. Part B is intended to provide an assessment of the development and how the detailed final design addresses the crime prevention issues previously highlighted.

Greater Manchester Police recommend a Crime Impact Statement should:

- Be produced for all major planning applications.
- Be produced by a competent individual/organisation that is independent of the design process.
- Include current crime data as a basis for assessing potential risk.
- Assess the development proposals in terms of their likely effect on crime and disorder in the area.
- Identify design solutions based on analysis of the development context and the crime issues in the area, that will reduce the developments vulnerability to crime.

Further information regarding the Greater Manchester Police Crime Impact Statement can be found at

<http://www.designforsecurity.org/>