

We have noted the content of the draft Lisburn and Castlereagh Local Development Plan (LDP) 2017-2032 and the fact that it been developed within the context of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland.

As you are aware the existing draft Programme for Government (PfG) 2016-2021, Outcome 7, focuses on community safety priorities and preventing and reducing crime. Under the objective 'A Quality Place', we welcome the contribution this plan will make to ensuring future housing design will help in reducing crime, something that is crucial to allowing people to feel safe in their homes and provide quality living.

In seeking proposals to accord with provisions of Local Development Planning, the Department of Justice would ask that designing out crime is also embedded in the guidance and objectives in relation to other infrastructure projects, architecture and building environment issues. This is relevant to both rural and urban areas and we would see this complementing the improvements planned whether it be related to open spaces e.g. to reduce the opportunity of anti-social behaviour or the night time economy where we need our streets and town centres to be safe in order to attract people and investment. Good design, within the wider crime prevention work, can reduce costs arising from crime as well as deliver social benefits.

This feedback is aimed at aligning the work of the Department, Council and Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs), as part of the PfG and community planning process, and delivery of the Community Plan and PCSP Action Plan.