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## **Department of Justice reply to Mid and East Antrim Local Development plan**

We have noted the comprehensive content of the draft Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030 for Mid and East Antrim and welcome the contribution this plan will make to creating and enhancing shared space, and the wider contribution to keeping communities safe and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Department of Justice's feedback is aimed at aligning the work of the Department, Council and Policing Community and Safety Partnership (PCSP), as part of the draft Programme for Government and community planning process, and delivery of the Community Plan and PCSP Action Plan.

In seeking proposals to accord with provisions of Local Development Planning (and General Policy Criteria d relating to Safety), the Department of Justice would ask that designing out crime is embedded in the principles and guidance which support the implementation of all infrastructure projects (in addition to residential development), architecture and building/open space environment issues. We believe this would strengthen plans by demonstrating how community safety will be built in as a principle to all plans and projects, thereby future proofing good design, within the wider crime prevention work, in both urban and rural areas and infrastructure and open spaces.

Designing out crime at this early stage can reduce costs arising from anti-social behaviour and crime as well as deliver social and economic benefits. For example to reduce the opportunity of anti-social behaviour for the night time economy where we need our streets and town centres to be safe in order to attract people and investment.

  
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