

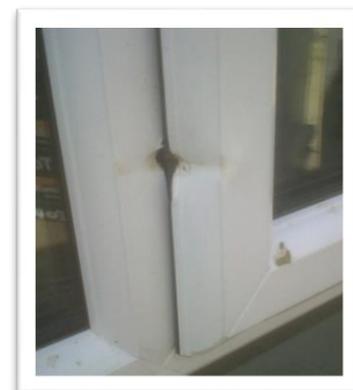
Secured by Design: Building Stronger, Safer Housing

What is 'Secured by Design' (SBD)?

- SBD is a flagship industry-UK Police initiative to design out crime through accreditation of security products and standards in the planning process
- Designing out crime reduces the vulnerability of a property to crime by removing opportunities that may be provided inadvertently by the built environment through a range of criteria such as better lighting
- The initiative is entirely self funded via the accreditation scheme which includes over 450 members with 1,000 security products, such as doors, locks and roofing thoroughly tested to meet our standards
- Our direct experience and knowledge of the factors impacting crime, policing and crime prevention make SBD a standard which is respected by the security industry, local authorities and professional bodies

Attempted Break-in

- On an evening in June 2013, offenders attempted to break-in to the ground floor window of a property in Peterborough, part of a SBD accredited development which will provide over twenty new homes once complete
- The offenders used a sharp instrument, likely to have been a screwdriver or crowbar to try to obtain access
- The window, pictured here, was manufactured by an SBD accredited member, and withstood four attacks on various parts of the window
- Robust locking hardware ensured the burglar's further attempts after the internal window frame had been penetrated failed
- Strong laminated glazing remained secure despite repeated efforts to gain access
- Due to the robust standards of design, the offenders were unable to gain access to the property and the window remained largely undamaged



What can we learn from the incident in Peterborough?

- The development sits in an area of Peterborough that has historically suffered from high crime rates; wider implementation of SBD standards will help to tackle these problems long-term and keep residents safe
- SBD can drive down crime rates not only in new builds, but in retrofits too
- Security standards improve public perception of local crime risk and residents' physical and emotional wellbeing
- Through implementing the initiative policing and individual costs of crime are reduced, freeing up funds and resources to tackle other local priorities
- The benefits of SBD are felt across an area, not just within the estate benefiting directly and evidence suggests there is no displacement of crime



Can 'Secured by Design' work in other locations?

- Following Nottingham's Secure, Warm, Modern scheme in 2008-09 at Bells Lane and Broxtowe estates, the number of burglaries fell by 42%; higher than the 21% decrease of burglaries in the city as a whole
- SBD estates in West Yorkshire outperformed the region as a whole on burglary dwellings offences, between August 2007 and July 2008 there were 19,701 burglaries, but just two at SBD properties
- SBD principles and techniques were used throughout the planning and construction stages for the Olympic Park, Village, and Westfield Shopping Centre, proving that iconic design can be safe too