

## Secured By Design Case Study – Nottingham City Homes

### What is 'Secured by Design' (SBD)?

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- SBD is a flagship industry-UK Police initiative to design out crime through accreditation of security standards and how environment impacts crime as part of the planning process
- Designing out crime reduces the vulnerability of a property to crime by correcting risks such as poor lighting and vulnerable car parking that may be provided inadvertently by the built environment.
- The initiative is entirely self funded via the accreditation of security related products and services which can be shown to reduce crime. This comprises of over 450 members with 1,000 security products, such as doors, locks and roofing thoroughly tested to meet our standards.
- The Olympic Village and Westfield Stratford City Shopping Centre were both built to SBD standards, including products that meet SBD test standards, ensuring that the structures are sustainable and a safe environment for visitors now and in the future
- 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

### Nottingham City Homes

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In 2008-09 the council installed Secured by Design (SBD) standard double glazing windows and new doors as part of Nottingham's Secure, Warm, Modern scheme, the city's Decent Homes programme

Following the work, Nottingham City Homes (NCH) and Nottingham Trent University conducted a two-year impact study on the benefits of the work, comparing crime rates and perceptions before and after



#### Key Success:

- Bells Lane and Broxtowe estates saw a fall of 42% from the 227 burglaries suffered prior to the work
- The city's overall decrease in burglaries of 21% was significantly smaller than at areas of secure work
- Following the completion of secure work, the gap between the level of burglaries at NCH and non-NCH properties shrunk, with 62 less burglaries per year at NCH properties and 33 fewer at non-NCH properties
- Prior to having new windows installed, one third of survey respondents said they felt unsafe alone in their home at night. Following the work, none of these people expressed concern.

#### What can we learn from Nottingham City Homes?

- Secured by Design can drive down crime rates in your community in new builds and in retrofits
- Security standards improve public perception of crime and residents' physical and emotional wellbeing
- Policing and individual costs of crime are reduced, freeing up funds and resources to tackle other issues
- The benefits of Secured by Design are felt across an area, not just within the estates benefiting directly

### Can 'Secured by Design' work in other locations?

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- 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
- In Glasgow, research demonstrated that total housebreaking crime fell by 26% while attempted housebreaking decreased by 59% at properties with new SBD doors and windows
- Kent's Northview estate experienced a fall in burglary and car crime in excess of 50% between 1996 and 2000 following refurbishments to parking, communal deck levels and the landscaping of previously void areas. There was no evidence of crime displacement or gentrification of the estate.
- Independent research has consistently shown the project reduces both the levels and fear of crime