


Secured by Design



Official Police Security Initiative

National Building Approval

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Secured by Design National Building Approval (SBD NBA) is our latest designing out crime initiative for developers and those commissioning new-build developments or major refurbishment schemes. The process of gaining membership creates a bespoke Technical Schedule for each developer or specifier. This schedule provides a description of how Secured by Design's requirement for physical security will be met for any building or buildings within current or future developments. In a nutshell, we do full due diligence on your supply chain to ensure that their products meet stipulated security criteria and issue an award that not only shows your clients that you take security seriously, but also discharges your legal requirements for physical security.

There are many advantages to this approach, but chief amongst them is the ability for an SBD NBA member to use the Technical Schedule anywhere in the United Kingdom, safe in the knowledge that it will be accepted by all police forces – it guarantees that a Secured by Design award will be made. Indeed, so confident are we of the new process that the award is made before the build begins rather than at the end, as has been our previous tradition. Another great advantage!

Who is it for?

SBD NBA is open to anyone involved in the commissioning of new developments and refurbishments, whether directly (such as a building developer) or as a specifier (such as a Housing Association or Local Authority). Applications for this exciting new initiative are open to developers and specifiers of all sizes, whether your industry sector is within housing, education, health, leisure, transport, retail or commercial. The advantages of membership are considerable and very tangible.

- For those developers that operate within the housing sector, the Secured by Design certificate generated via this initiative is acceptable to Local Authority Building Control Officers and Approved Inspectors as evidence to discharge Part Q of Schedule 1 (Security) of the Building Regulations 2010, and the Scottish Building Standard 4.13 – Security. Naturally, the certificate can also be used to discharge any other third-party obligation placed upon the developer, such as those imposed by planning or your clients.
- Secured by Design National Building Approval really can accommodate any kind of developer regardless of market sector. House builders will benefit from knowing that a one-size-fits-all security solution is available for their regular and repeated housing designs. Likewise, developers who may be predominately active within the high-rise or apartment living sectors and who, until now, needed to agree each design separately with the local police, can for the first time create a Technical Schedule that deals with the fundamental principles of security in a clear and simple way that is acceptable to all concerned.
- Local Authorities and other agencies who may commission third parties to develop on their behalf can also work with Secured by Design to create their own bespoke Technical Schedule. This could then be used as something akin to an 'Out-put Specification' or template to be followed by the successful developer who can be confident that the end product will be acceptable in all terms to both the local police and Secured by Design.

How does it work?

Operation of the initiative is a straightforward task for developers who are members of the scheme. A simple one page form, together with a site plan, is submitted direct to Secured by Design. This informs us of what they intend to build and where. We register the details of the development on our website and allocate the work to a designing out crime specialist from the local police force. We will provide a current version of your agreed Technical Schedule so that all parties have an identical understanding of what is to be constructed. And that's it!

Whilst some of the advantages of this new approach have been mentioned previously, other noteworthy considerations are that your company will become a member of Secured by Design and you will therefore be entitled to use that achievement and our logos within your literature. We will be on hand to help and advise you with this as police accreditation is a highly sought-after accolade and very marketable.

Membership of this scheme costs a nominal £10 + VAT administration fee for the full three year contract.

Should this leaflet have sparked your interest and you would like to discuss Secured by Design National Building Approval in more detail, please contact sbdnba@police-cpi.co.uk and a member of our team will get in touch or visit www.securedbydesign.com for more details.

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Secured by Design is a crime prevention initiative operated by the Police Services of the United Kingdom. It combines proven environmental design principles with the use of physical security products to reduce the risk of crime. Independent academic research consistently demonstrates dramatic crime reduction benefits of up to 75%.

Companies that have achieved the required level of testing and certification of their products or services can apply to become a Secured by Design license holder. Currently there are more than 500 companies who have been awarded 'Police Preferred Specification' status throughout a wide range of different categories including: doors, windows, cycle security, perimeter fencing, bollards, roofing products, secondary glazing and many others.

Our Development Award is granted to building programmes which are built to one of our Secured by Design guides or have been awarded National Building Approval. Local police designing out crime advisors (known as Designing Out Crime Officers, Crime Prevention Design Advisors or Architectural Liaison Officers, depending on the force they are from), who are employed by each police force, administer the process and ultimately sign off developments as compliant.

"The Building Control Alliance welcomes the introduction of Secured by Design National Building Approval and acknowledges the award as one way of demonstrating compliance with Part Q of the Building Regulations (England)."

Martin Conlon, Chair, The Building Control Alliance

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