

6.0 Public Realm Secure by Design

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As part of the consultation process through the design evolution of the Proposed Development, the design team were guided by the principles outlined in the UK Police initiative 'Secured by Design' that focuses on crime prevention at the design, layout and construction stages of a project, to reduce the opportunity for crime. These principles facilitate natural surveillance through the landscape and building design by providing clear and well-lit active routes around the site and active public places to assist in informal self-policing and ultimately a heightened sense of safety. The six core principles of the Secured by Design initiative are:

- Integrated approach;
- Environmental quality and sense of ownership;
- Natural surveillance;
- Access and footpaths;
- Open space provision and management; and
- Lighting.

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The design team has also referred to the Home Office's guidance 'Safer Places: The Planning System and Crime Prevention' (February 2004) and the RIBA's guidance on 'Designing for counter-terrorism' (RIBA 2010).

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As a result, consultations have taken place with the Metropolitan Police to ensure a secure and safe design for staff, visitors and the local community.

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The conclusion of these consultations has resulted in the inclusion of key security measures in the Proposed Development to ensure a secure but accessible building. Design measures taken include:

- Activation of the building perimeter through the creation of new urban public spaces adjacent to the main entrances;
- High quality 24 hour security surveillance CCTV of all exterior places and the building perimeter;
- Integration into the design of vehicle mitigation measures through bollards and other landscape features across the public entrance on Midland Road and Purchase Street; and
- Incorporation of 'Up-Rated' (anti-bandit) glass in specific areas.



Fig 6-19. Indicative model view from above