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Dear Sir/Madam

Please see attached the response to the Luton Local Plan Review from the CTSA Team. The regional CTSA team are part of a national network, which operates under the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO). We provide counter terrorism protective security advice to a wide variety of different businesses, organisations and workstreams. This advice extends beyond physical security and includes active measures such as organisational processes, staff vigilance and security minded communications. We supplement the available e-learning packages, by delivering, in person, Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) and See, Check and Notify (SCaN) training packages, some of these training packages have been delivered to Luton Council Staff already, the next ACT Awareness Session is booked in for 9th July 2026.

[Learning | ProtectUK.](#)

We utilise a great deal of expert advice published by other agencies, such as the National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) [National Protective Security Authority | NPSA](#) and work with security standards set by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) who work “closely with government, police, insurers, consultants, architects, and end users to develop standards and certification schemes which ensure security equipment and systems deliver effective levels of protection against a range of hostile threats, including criminals and terrorists.” [Loss prevention standards.](#) There are a number of other links and documents that I can share which is available on the internet, these links are publicly accessible, however the I have considered that the aggregation of information I would look to provide at this stage could lead to this e-mail being marked on the Government Marking Scheme (GMS) with a grading of **Official-Sensitive**. As a result, I am happy to share these links and guidance later if you think this would be helpful?

The guidance entitled, “Crowded Places: The Planning System and Counter Terrorism” which is dated January 2012 in linked below. The document promotes, “design considerations, are most effective if counter-terrorism protective security measures are considered as early as possible in the planning and development process. This does not just mean at pre-application stage – it means from the point that any local policy is developed, and developers consider acquiring land or consider any remodelling of existing buildings”. [Crowded Places: The Planning System and Counter-Terrorism.](#)

Currently if the CTSA team is engaged, it is usually via a referral from the

Bedfordshire Police Constabulary Design Out Crime Officer (DOCO) team, who identify planning applications that maybe of interest to counter terrorism, I note they have already commented on the document.

NaCTSO has recently launched Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) for Local Authorities. The aim of the initiative is to support local government in embedding counter terrorism protective security considerations into their day-to day work. Addressing threat and vulnerability across both public spaces and venues, in the face of the current and emerging terrorist threats. I have attached a link to ACT for Local Authorities on Counter Terrorism Policing's, Protect UK website at [ACT for Local Authorities | ProtectUK](#).

There are five areas of local authority activity that have been identified as having the greatest impact on protective security, including Planning and Development. [ACT for Local Authorities - Guidance - Planning & Development V3.pdf](#). Luton Council are in support of working with the CTSA Team to engage with the ACT for Local Authorities process and Tony Ireland is the lead officer for this project, but please do make contact with me directly if you would like some further information to see how we can support you or would like to discuss this in person.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards

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