

# **SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE**

## **INSTALLATION OF SECURITY SHUTTERS & GRILLES**

The City Council adopted guidelines on the 'Installation of security shutters and grilles' on the 8 July 1992 and made a revision to those guidelines as they applied to the Far Gosford Street Conservation Area on the 26 October 1994 in acknowledgement that the area had greater security needs.

The guidelines also set down guidance on the acceptability of protective barriers and bollards on the forecourt of premises.

In adopting these guidelines the City Council was mindful to strike an appropriate balance between the interests of visual amenity and the legitimate interests of the business community to protect their property and goods

The guidelines were the subject of an extensive public consultation exercise which included residents and community groups, local architects and designers, national professional organisations, shopkeepers and business groups, police and shutter manufacturers

The provisions of the guidelines are as follows

**1. Solid security shutters will not normally be approved other than**

**a) In predominantly industrial areas**

**OR**

**b) In predominantly shopping areas where it is acknowledged that severe and intractable problems exist relating to vandalism and theft.**

**2. Where solid metal shutters are approved in the circumstances referred to in 1(b) above it will be a normal requirement that the shutter is colour treated externally to complement the appearance of the property to which it is fixed.**

**3. Within those parts of the City Centre indicated as Primary Frontage in the Unitary Development Plan security shutters will be expected to contain openings amounting in total to at least 60% of the overall surface area of the shutter. It will be a normal requirement that such shutters will be colour treated externally to complement the appearance of the property to which they are fixed.**

**4. Except in those instances referred to in guidelines 1, 3, 6 and 8 security shutters will be expected to contain openings amounting in total to at least 25% of the overall surface area of the shutter. It will be a normal requirement that the shutter is colour treated externally to complement the appearance of the property to which it is fixed.**

**5. Except on premises in predominantly industrial areas it will be a normal requirement for an externally mounted shutter box to be colour treated to complement the appearance of the property to which it is attached OR for a fascia sign board to be fixed on the face of the box to obscure direct views of the box.**

**6. Applications for planning permission for the installation of externally mounted security shutters or grilles on properties in Conservation Areas (other than in Far Gosford Street) or for consent for their installation on building of special architectural or historic interest or on buildings adjacent thereto or on buildings included on the local list will not normally be granted.**

**7. Barriers and bollards to protect properties from vehicle impact damage will only be permitted where they are positioned to minimise conflict with pedestrians, especially those with visual impairment or who use wheelchairs, pushchairs or prams and where they will not reduce available footpath widths to unacceptable levels. The design must also be sympathetic to the street scene.**

**8. In Far Gosford Street Conservation Area externally mounted security shutter and grilles will be permitted where the external face of the shutter provides at least 50% visibility. Any shutter box however must be recessed flush within the shop front behind the fascia board or sign. Protecting boxes will not normally be permitted. All external faces of the shutter must be colour coated to match the shop front.**