

SECURITY DOORS TO SHOPFRONTS IN THE RETAIL CORE

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide a safe and pleasant environment for pedestrians in the retail core at night by having well-lit streets, window displays which create an atmosphere equal to that created during normal shopping hours and to protect the integrity of existing buildings, particularly if of heritage significance.

POLICY

1. In considering any proposal for the installation of security doors to an existing shopfront, the Council will seek to ensure that the above objectives are met. The visual impact of security doors will be treated as equally important as security measures and where the security of a shopfront does not appear vital to the particular business, the Council's objectives will prevail.
2. Where the security of a shopfront is essential for the particular business concerned, the Council may grant approval for the installation of a security door, providing that the following requirements are met:
 - (i) Visibility of the display of goods inside the premises should be fully maintained. The use of security glassing such as "Tufplate" safety glass or "Lamlite" laminated safety glass are the preferred options;
 - (ii) On buildings where an historic shopfront exists, the materials used for a security door will need to be compatible with the form of the existing shopfront;
 - (iii) On new buildings the Council will seek to ensure that the materials and form of the proposed security door will be in harmony with adjacent shopfronts and with the streetscape in general;
 - (iv) Where a security door is proposed for an opening which has no form of closure during day-time, the security door should take the form of semi-glazed panels, of which the solid bottom section should not exceed 750mm in height;
 - (v) The form of such a door will preferably be half-glazed, bi-fold or vertically lifted, unless some other form is proposed which equally meets Council's requirements;
 - (vi) Roller shutters with a steel grille, or similar, will not be accepted other than in exceptional cases, for example where structural constraints prevent the use of doors of the recommended type; and

- (vii) Colorbond roller doors or other similar types of wholly solid construction will not be permitted in any case.

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