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Dear Colleague,

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IMPROVING PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR CROWDED PLACES

The Government's strategy for countering terrorism (CONTEST) published in July 2011 included improving protective security for crowded places as one of our *Protect* objectives over the period 2011-2015. Better protective security will help reduce our vulnerabilities to terrorist attack. This in turn will help reduce the impact of an attack if it should take place, not only in terms of reduced fatalities and casualties but also in terms of helping businesses recover more quickly.

We are publishing today two updated crowded places guidance documents which will help improve protective security:

'Protecting Crowded Places: Design and Technical Issues' which is jointly published with the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) and the police National Counter-Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) and is aimed at professionals involved in the planning, design and development of the built environment; and

'Crowded Places: The Planning System and Counter-Terrorism' which is jointly published with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and is primarily aimed at English local planning authorities but will also be of interest to a wider audience.

The main changes to these documents are the inclusion of references to the contributions protective security can make to mitigating the impact of firearms attacks. The documents can be found on-line at the Home Office website:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/counter-terrorism/crowded-places>

Yours sincerely,

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