

Secured by Design

# SOLAR FARM GUIDE

Application Form



## Application Form Guidance

Secured by Design (SBD) is the official police security initiative and represents the recognised standard for crime prevention and protective security within the built environment.

Applicants should make themselves familiar with the Secured by Design Solar Farm Guide before completing this application form.

This application form is intended for:

- Ground-mounted solar farms
- Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)
- Associated substations and compounds
- Operational buildings and infrastructure
- Existing operational solar farms seeking SBD certification through the Vulnerability Survey route

Applicants are strongly advised to contact the local Designing Out Crime Officer (DOCO) at the earliest opportunity, ideally before submitting a planning application, preparing a Design and Access Statement (DAS), or finalising the site layout.

This application, when completed and forwarded to the Police, may be subject to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

# Application Process

Opportunities for designing out crime are often lost by the time a development gains planning permission. Early engagement with the DOCO is therefore essential.

The SBD Solar Farm Application process includes:

1. **Registration:** Initial application including contact details and site information.
2. **Checklist:** Indication of the security measures relevant to the development.
3. **Supporting Information:** Submission of plans, layouts and specifications relevant to the development.
4. **Final Verification:** Site inspection and verification by the DOCO prior to certification.

## Process

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1. This application form must be read in conjunction with the Secured by Design Solar Farm Guide.
2. The applicant should provide relevant drawings and documentation to the DOCO at the earliest opportunity.
3. The development will be measured against the requirements of the Secured by Design Solar Farm Award scheme in force at the time the application is made.
4. The DOCO will provide written feedback identifying any additional or alternative crime prevention measures required to achieve certification.
5. Should the proposed layout or specification alter following consultation with the Local Planning Authority, statutory consultees or other stakeholders, the DOCO must be notified and provided with updated drawings.
6. Certification can only be issued once all agreed security measures have been implemented and verified.
7. The police service reserves the right to revisit developments issued with an SBD certificate.
8. Developments that have not started on site within 3 years of the original application shall be subject to a new application – which includes developments where only a phase of building begins more than 3 years from the original date.
9. To apply for an SBD award, please send the completed SBD Solar Farm Guide 'registration' and 'checklist' to the relevant DOCO whose details can be found at: [www.securedbydesign.com/contact-us](http://www.securedbydesign.com/contact-us)

# Development details registration

## Site Location and Main Contact for DOCO

|               |  |                 |  |                                                 |  |
|---------------|--|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------------------|--|
| Site name     |  |                 |  |                                                 |  |
| Site address  |  |                 |  |                                                 |  |
| Postcode      |  |                 |  |                                                 |  |
| Main contact  |  |                 |  |                                                 |  |
| Telephone     |  |                 |  |                                                 |  |
| Email         |  |                 |  |                                                 |  |
| Site capacity |  | Total site area |  | Number of battery storage units (if applicable) |  |

## Name, Address and Contacts Details of Developer

|              |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Company name |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Postcode     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Email        |  |  |  |  |  |

## Name, Address and Contacts Details of Architect/Designer

|              |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Company name |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Postcode     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Email        |  |  |  |  |  |

## Name, Address and Contacts Details of Principal Contractor

|              |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Company name |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Postcode     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Telephone    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Email        |  |  |  |  |  |

| Name, Address and Contacts Details of Security Consultant (if applicable) |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Company name                                                              |  |
| Address                                                                   |  |
| Postcode                                                                  |  |
| Telephone                                                                 |  |
| Email                                                                     |  |

| Plans and documents to accompany each SBD Application |                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                       | Location Plan                                                   |
|                                                       | Site Layout Plan                                                |
|                                                       | Boundary and Fencing Details                                    |
|                                                       | Lighting Scheme                                                 |
|                                                       | Video Surveillance System (VSS) Layout                          |
|                                                       | Access Control Layout                                           |
|                                                       | Landscape and Planting Strategy                                 |
|                                                       | Construction Management Plan                                    |
|                                                       | Security Management Plan                                        |
|                                                       | Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Details (where applicable) |
|                                                       | Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) Details (where applicable)     |
|                                                       | Relevant Planning Drawings and Elevations                       |

## Which SBD Award Route Are You Applying For?

Please indicate the award route sought:

| Award route                                                       | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| SBD Solar Farm Award (New Development)                            |     |    |
| SBD Vulnerability Survey (Existing Site)                          |     |    |
| Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) / DCO Scheme |     |    |

# SBD Solar Farm Checklist

Applicants for SBD certification should select from the checklist below the features relevant to their development and indicate by marking the Yes or No boxes whether or not they undertake to comply with the guidance and advice published in the Secured by Design Solar Farm Guide.

Compliance will be subject to consultation with the DOCO and should be collaborative in nature with the common goal of reducing crime, disorder, trespass, theft, vandalism and operational disruption affecting solar farm developments.

| Section number | Section name                                                 | Yes | No |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| <b>5</b>       | Construction Phase Security                                  |     |    |
| <b>6.2</b>     | Vehicle Parking and Access                                   |     |    |
| <b>6.3</b>     | Public Rights of Way (PROWs)                                 |     |    |
| <b>6.4</b>     | Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM)                             |     |    |
| <b>6.5</b>     | Exclusion Zones and Buffer Land                              |     |    |
| <b>6.6</b>     | Security Signage                                             |     |    |
| <b>6.7</b>     | Lighting (Outer Environment)                                 |     |    |
| <b>7.2</b>     | Boundary Treatments                                          |     |    |
| <b>7.3</b>     | Lighting                                                     |     |    |
| <b>7.4</b>     | Operational Requirement (OR) for Electronic Security Systems |     |    |
| <b>7.5</b>     | Video Surveillance Systems (VSS)                             |     |    |
| <b>7.6</b>     | Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems (PIDS)                 |     |    |
| <b>7.7</b>     | Audio Challenge Systems                                      |     |    |
| <b>7.8</b>     | Electronic Access Control Systems (EACS)                     |     |    |
| <b>8.2</b>     | Doorsets and Windows                                         |     |    |
| <b>8.3</b>     | Intruder and Hold-Up Alarm Systems (I&HAS)                   |     |    |
| <b>8.4</b>     | Secure Storage Units                                         |     |    |
| <b>8.5</b>     | Photovoltaic (PV) Panels and Cabling                         |     |    |
| <b>8.6</b>     | Property Marking and Tracking                                |     |    |
| <b>8.7</b>     | Arson and Fire Protection                                    |     |    |
| <b>8.8</b>     | Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)                        |     |    |
| <b>9.2</b>     | On-Site Guarding                                             |     |    |
| <b>9.3</b>     | Security Management and Maintenance                          |     |    |
| <b>9.4</b>     | Community Engagement                                         |     |    |
| <b>9.5</b>     | Secure Connected Device (SCD) Accreditation Scheme           |     |    |
| <b>9.6</b>     | Accurate Site Location Identification                        |     |    |
| <b>9.7</b>     | Incident Response and Reporting                              |     |    |
| <b>9.8</b>     | First Responder Co-ordination                                |     |    |
| <b>9.9</b>     | Security Review and Continuous Improvement                   |     |    |

# Applicant Declaration

I confirm that the information contained within this application is accurate and that the development will be designed and delivered in accordance with the Secured by Design Solar Farm Guide and any additional requirements agreed with the Designing Out Crime Officer (DOCO).

|           |  |      |  |
|-----------|--|------|--|
| Name      |  |      |  |
| Position  |  |      |  |
| Signature |  | Date |  |

## DOCO USE ONLY

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| DOCO Name                    |  |
| Police Force Area            |  |
| Date Reviewed                |  |
| Site Visit Requested         |  |
| Additional Measures Required |  |
| SBD Award Approved           |  |
| Date of Final Verification   |  |

## Notes

- Continued compliance depends on maintaining all approved security measures.
- Re-inspection may be required if significant operational changes occur.
- All security measures remain subject to planning approval and environmental constraints.
- Compensatory measures may be accepted where agreed with the DOCO.