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Dear Colin

further to your call last week, ive attached the research we did for the ODPM - the policy conclusions may be of interest to you in your current fight. however, i have to make it clear that ODPM do not consider this to be their policy, this is just work that we did for them. nevertheless, guidance on housing and crime that they subsequently issued DID suggest that:

"Gated communities may increase the sustainability and social mix of an area where problems of crime and image could otherwise lead to the development's failure. The Government believes, however, that it is normally preferable for new development to be integrated into the wider community and that the gating of developments should only be considered as a last resort.‰ (ODPM, Planning guidance on crime, 2004)

I hope that this information is of some use to you and wish you the best of luck. I have emailed a colleague about your work for forwarding to the gated communities list,

kind regards

Rowland

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