

QD8 Shopshutters

Solid shutters, which obscure the window display at any time, will not be permitted except:

- a. in isolated locations or in special circumstances where evidence, supported by the Police, has shown that security poses a special problem and all other appropriate security measures as advised by the Police have already been taken;
- b. where the shopfront is of an open type such as a traditional fishmongers, butchers and greengrocers, and where no alternative solution would be possible; or
- c. where there is no acknowledged need to retain a visible display outside opening hours, such as King's Road Arches on Brighton Seafront.

***For the avoidance of doubt, shutters with the "pin hole" design are considered to be 'solid' for the purposes of this policy.**

- 3.36 Policy QD8 aims to create and maintain a safe and attractive environment that does not deter the public from using particular shopping streets thus losing the benefit of passive surveillance. The spread of solid shutters in a street can transform it in the hours of darkness into a more threatening environment that increases the fear of crime to pedestrians in particular.
- 3.37 Consultees attending a 'Retail and Town Centres' focus group to inform this Plan agreed the need to improve shop frontages and in general, to maintain an attractive environment with input from shop owners with the help of incentives.
- 3.38 All proposals for shopshutters should also take into account the shopfront and design policies of this Plan, particularly in conservation areas and on listed buildings. Proposals should also conform to the Supplementary Planning Guidance published by Hove and Brighton Borough Councils in the form of a leaflet entitled 'Shop Security: Grilles and Alarms' and any subsequent updates.

