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David Sands Convenience Stores have been awarded the prestigious Police Award 'Secured by Design Commercial' for the newly completed store at High Street Markinch. The award recognises the efforts by the retailer through the architects Frank Smith Ltd to ensure that the building has a significantly reduced risk of crime or anti-social behaviour. Chief Inspector Derek Finnie carried out the presentation highlighting the fact that this is the first David Sands Convenience Store to receive the award from Fife Constabulary. He said, 'The reduction in the fear of crime for users, coupled with the security measures that reduce the risk of being a victim of crime, means that the facility may well be used in preference to those which are not recognised as safer.' He added "it can also help reduce the number of calls to the Police as anecdotally we have reduced the number of reported incidents through the Secured by Design scheme.'

The process to achieve the award was completed through the Fife Constabulary Architectural Liaison Officer, Stuart Ward, who liaised with the design team at Frank Smith Associates, Edinburgh, in order to ensure that the opportunities for crime were 'designed out' through incorporating measures such as the layout of the property, that the building itself offered no easy targets through the use of approved products for security whilst still maintaining the design and style that the architect was trying to achieve. Measures adopted at the facility include appropriate lighting, CCTV, approved security doors and windows and an intruder alarm system.

Director Stephen Brown on behalf of David Sands said, 'We have been delighted to work alongside all parties in achieving this secure by design accreditation for our new store in Markinch, we know that in doing so we have created a great environment for our customers and staff to shop and work in, whilst improving the local facilities within the community. Going forward we are committed to working with the principles of secure by design to create great stores within the communities in which they serve.'



For further information about 'Secured by Design' or the Designing Out Crime initiative contact Stuart Ward at Fife Police Headquarters on 01592 418871.