



# **From Afterthought to Cornerstone: Security, Sustainability, and Smarter Cities**

~ Simon Whitehouse





## The Future of Resilience: A Holistic Approach

In today's landscape, defined by escalating cyber threats, climate change imperatives, and rapid urbanisation, integrating security with sustainability is not merely a choice—it is a necessity.

In this exclusive feature for Influencers Edition 2026, Simon Whitehouse, Divisional Director of Security Consulting at AESG, offers his expert perspective on the evolving global standards for risk and resilience.

**Key Insights:** The article challenges industry leaders to move beyond outdated, traditional risk models. It highlights the growing importance of holistic, human-centred strategies, exemplified by the rise of security-by-design principles (as seen in the UK) and pioneering built environment certifications like SABRE and SHIELD.

Learn how AESG is working with clients globally to transform security from a historical afterthought into a foundational cornerstone of sustainable development.

[\[Read the full article here\]](#) to explore Simon's insights on making our cities smarter and safer.

## How AESG can help



### ***Simon Whitehouse***

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Simon Whitehouse is a preeminent figure in the security sector, bringing to AESG a legacy of leadership as the founder of SGW, recently acquired by AESG. With a career spanning over 37 years, he has specialised in security engineering and management, and now leads AESG's consulting team from the UK and Dubai offices, focusing on security master planning and engineering services.

His renowned expertise is certified by his credentials as a Chartered Security Professional (CSyP), Fellow of the Security Institute (FSyl), Certified Protection Professional (CPP), and Physical Security Professional (PSP).

In Dubai, his authority is further recognised by a SIRA Security Consultant licence and his status as a SABRE Registered Assessor.

Simon's role in shaping the security industry is marked by his previous leadership positions, including serving as a Director of the Association of Security Consultants and a Director at The Security Institute, where he was instrumental in international development and represented the institute on the board of The Register of Chartered Security Professionals.

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