Reviewer's report

Title: Fear of crime and the environment: Systematic review of UK qualitative evidence

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Reviewer: Stephen Farrall

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   Yes

3. Are the data sound?
   No. The authors have missed a couple of "really" key studies. No review of this field in the UK is complete without these. This is what you refer to as a Major Compulsory Revision. These are:

   The Girling study in Macclesfield (not mentioned at all):

   Ditton in Glasgow (mentioned, but you only refer to the Farrall, Jackson and Grey book in 2009, ignoring the earlier reports from the Glaswegian portion of the data):


Smith (in B'ham I think). This is a key study in geography:


Stanko's work (you need to read around the issues she refers to, but this is largely about the fear of crime):


4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
Yes.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
Yes

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Yes.

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes.

9. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes.