QUESTION
Describe a problem that you have observed in your city. Provide your solution to this problem, showing how architecture can solve the problem.

TIPS
- Your answer should be approximately 200 words and can include images
- Use your imagination
- Propose inventive, creative answers
- There is no single, correct answer
- We are interested in your ideas and your thinking
- Please turn over for an example of a successful pre-selection activity

It is important to note that you are not expected to have any architectural or graphic skills to undertake this activity. You will not be assessed on these skills. Use any combination of words, images, photographs, rough sketches, drawings or other media that you want to communicate your ideas. For example, you might cut and paste existing materials into a collage.

SUBMITTING YOUR RESPONSE
1. Lodge an application for this course with Monash International Recruitment Services: http://monash.edu/study/international/undergraduate

2. Format your response as one single-sided A4 page and submit it as an attachment to your application. Be sure to include your name on your response. Click the Upload or Send Documents button in the applicant portal to add an attachment: http://applicant.connect.monash.edu.au

By submitting your response, you certify it is your own original work.

Consideration for Credit in Architecture
If you have completed relevant studies at tertiary level (University or TAFE) and you would like to be considered for credit, please include a folio of 10-15 images of your work along with a course syllabus.

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Safety’s place in a better quality of life

In Malaysia, road safety is a serious concern. Issues, such as reckless drivers and numerous road accidents, could be solved by altering the way in which we move and interact with our environment. Solutions to the problems of reckless drivers and inadequate safety standards can be created with efficiency in mind to create a more functional society for pedestrians and drivers, while reducing crime rates.

A significant proportion of driving-related fatalities stem from the belief that one can avoid the consequences from running red lights. Drawing from the concept of Jeremy Bentham’s Panopticon, small police outposts which are entirely made out of completely opaque materials or one way mirrors can be built in unused but potentially useful space. An example of where such an outpost could be implemented is under a flyover, where there is an empty space over an area of high traffic.

The presence of these outposts will act as a deterrent towards those who may otherwise commit traffic violations and recklessly endanger the lives of their fellow drivers and pedestrians. As with the Panopticon, the mere potential of having an officer in the outpost will be a sufficient deterrent – as a result, the outposts do not always need to be occupied as drivers will be unable to determine whether they are being watched or not. More police officers will not be required with the installation, causing a minimal impact to society and government expenditure on the salaries of government servants – this creates a passive deterrent that will require minimal upkeep without causing a visual obstruction for drivers.

In some areas of Malaysia, muggings are a major concern. The presence of these outposts will also act to reduce the crime rate in the immediate area, as there is now a higher risk of being caught. Further, having police officers located in an organised fashion around the city will also serve to minimise emergency response times, as an officer is likely to be stationed nearby the most common areas for motorway accidents and muggings.

In conclusion, the addition of these outposts would result in safer public conditions for both pedestrians and drivers by reducing the rates of motorway accidents and crime. By altering the way in which we interact with our environment in this manner, the overall quality of life may be increased through the improved sense of security provided.