

Appendix 1 – Consultation responses

Oliver Nelson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 November 2023 09:04
To: Consultations Mailbox
Subject: [WARNING EXTERNAL] Stones Road tunnel

Hi. If you want to reduce crime and drug use in Epsom closing the tunnel in Stones Road would be a good start. I have witnessed open drug dealing there many times and it's well know. It's also used as a shortcut for food delivery drivers which should be stopped too. Thanks.

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From: Consultations Mailbox
Subject: Community Safety Consultation

From: Karen Pengelly <karen.pengelly@epsombid.co.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 11:42 AM
To: Consultations Mailbox <Consultations@epsom-ewell.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Community Safety Consultation

Epsom BID is please to see the subject of Community Safety being progressed in the Borough. The BID worked closely with Epsom & Ewell Borough Council on last year's Christmas event, bringing in external Counter Terrorism expertise to advise on complying or even going over and above compliance with forthcoming 'Protect' legislation. Where the BID, acting on behalf of local businesses, can collaborate with the council to achieve successful outcomes we are always happy to do so.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2023 10:21
To: Consultations Mailbox
Subject: [WARNING EXTERNAL] Pavement safety for pedestrians

Please sweep the pavements and remove the slimy leaves so that we can walk around safely.

[REDACTED]

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From: GRAYLING, Chris <chris.grayling.mp@parliament.uk>
Sent: 04 December 2023 17:57
To: Alex Coley
Cc: Consultations Mailbox
Subject: [WARNING EXTERNAL] RE: Consultation - Community Safety Action Plan

Hello Alex

Thanks for this. It's pretty comprehensive, but the piece I would add to this is a particular focus on local parks, which do seem to have become a sometime magnet for drug dealing. I would add a review of the structure of access to the parks, and how they are monitored by Council officers to this.

I hope you are well.

Best wishes

Chris

From: Alex Coley <AColey@epsom-ewell.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 December 2023 14:09
To: GRAYLING, Chris <chris.grayling.mp@parliament.uk>
Subject: Consultation - Community Safety Action Plan

Hi Chris,

I am writing to you because the Council wants to hear your views, and the views of residents you represent, on community safety.

The Council has a public consultation open on our Community Safety Action Plan and I recognise that your constituents are particularly interested in this subject.

I hope you will respond to the consultation, using the details on the link below:

<https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/council/consultations>

Best Regards,
Alex

Cllr Alex Coley
Chair of the Crime & Disorder Committee
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council
Ruxley Ward Councillor

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2023 12:38
To: Consultations Mailbox
Subject: [WARNING EXTERNAL] Community safety action plan

Please note the following in response to your call for comments on the Community Safety Action Plan. It is sent on behalf of Epsom & Ewell Liberal Democrats. Thanks. [REDACTED]

General comments

As a standalone consultation document, we found it a little confusing. It is merely a series of statements without numbered sections and would have benefitted from an integral section for comments within each heading, or multiple choice answers, or scores denoting support, plus an additional blank space for comments. The terms of reference of the various partnerships involved would also have been useful in teasing out potential omissions from the proposals. The document implies a degree of knowledge of the topics already in order to contribute sensibly. Overall we have the following to offer re some of the headings within the document. However, we have not commented on all parts of the document.

Ensure Domestic Homicide Reviews are Implemented

To some members of our organisation it is difficult to support EEBC resourcing such a review and appointing (and paying) for a Chair of a review. On the face of it and without further background information which provides more explanatory information, it would seem that this should either be a Police or Social Services responsibility. Why is EEBC to be the financier here? The review within this section is, of course, supported.

Review the Joint Action Group process

Supported.

Identify and Tackle Crime & Antisocial Behaviour

We believe there is a strong link between community safety and crime such as car and bike theft, and minor/attempted burglary. Considered for the most part as minor crime and in many cases not followed up by the Police, this kind of crime can strongly contribute to a feeling that an area is unsafe and generally targeted by criminals. Where does crime such as this lie? Are there any plans or proposals or actions which could be included here (doubtless they are mentioned by other partners) which would specifically address and potentially reduce/tackle crime involving cars, bikes and theft generally? We believe that this kind of minor crime can eventually take its toll on mental health. We believe much greater attention given to minor crime is not only of huge benefit in terms of wellbeing but also adds to a feeling of safety within the locality and the community. Although how much time and effort should be required of any local authority on such matters, when the Police themselves should be at the forefront, is debatable.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute toward your Plan.
Epsom & Ewell Liberal Democrats

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