

Appendix 2 – Officer Commentary

	<b>Response</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
1.	<p>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.</p>	<p>Officers have visited the location and confirm it is appropriately lit and does not suffer from a particular poor design. Closing the footpath would not be the first preferred option since it is one of the few pedestrian routes across the railway line. The respondent doesn't say whether the food deliveries are using mopeds or not but generally, the Council would promote lawful use of this passageway as a means to reduce the attractiveness to illicit behaviour.</p>
2.	<p>Epsom BID is please to see the subject of Community Safety being progressed in the Borough. The BID worked closely with Epsom &amp; 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.</p>	<p>Officers have adjusted the action plan to reflect the contribution from the Business Improvement District</p>
3.	<p>Please sweep the pavements and remove the slimy leaves so that we can walk around safely.</p>	<p>This is not a community safety issue.</p>
4.	<p>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.</p>	<p>ASB taking place in local parks and open spaces feature on Joint Action Groups (JAGs) to bring particular focus to an area.</p>
5.	<p><b>General comments</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Ensure Domestic Homicide Reviews are Implemented</b></p>	<p>The consultation was deliberately left open and free text to avoid stakeholders being forced down a particular route, however the comments are noted.</p>

<p>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.</p> <p><b>Review the Joint Action Group process</b> Supported.</p> <p><b>Identify and Tackle Crime &amp; Antisocial Behaviour</b> 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.</p>	<p>The duty to hold a domestic homicide review fall to the Community Safety Partnership. Epsom &amp; Ewell Borough Council provide the administrative resource to the partnership including all the CSP related infrastructure such as CHaRMM, JAG and DHR.</p> <p>Officers have chosen to base the action plan around the existing strategic CSP priorities which police continue to contribute to. However specific queries around policing priorities are best asked of the police direct via the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner or the force direct.</p>
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