

CAMDEN SAFETY VIEWS

Your views on how safe you feel in your neighbourhood

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Take a look at the new
Camden Safer
Neighbourhood Board
website:
camdenconnected.com

Robberies by cyclists

In the Spring survey a number of people raised concerns about youths on bicycles carrying out snatches in the south of the borough. This type of crime is known as 'theft from person'. A typical example of this would be a scenario in which a mugger rides up behind a person using their mobile phone, then snatches the phone and cycles away before the victim knows what has happened. These incidents happen so quickly that some victims are unable to recall any of the robber's identifying features.

These thefts often occur around the main transport hubs and along pedestrian routes. The police have obtained a substantial level of intelligence: the perpetrators live in Islington and carry out their robberies through Camden and into Westminster.

Camden Police are now working with Islington Police on 'Operation Attrition' to

stop these robberies. A team of 12 dedicated officers have in recent months been targeting the suspected offenders. They have been using a whole host of powers such as Stop and Search and issuing penalties for cycling on the pavement.



An iPhone robbery in progress

They have undertaken home visits and warned parents that they could face eviction if their children are caught.

Over the past two months police and council activities have led to a 25% reduction in these types of robberies. That accounts for several hundred fewer crimes.

Advice to residents and visitors is to be aware of your surroundings when

Fly tipping

Many people are concerned about the amount of fly tipping and litter in the borough. This is often connected to other antisocial behaviour such as street drinking, drug taking and late night noise. The areas affected are often associated with Camden's busy night-time economy, but litter can occur anywhere. Comments about litter and fly tipping were received from residents living in Gospel Oak, Haverstock, St Pancras and Somers Town and West Hampstead

Residents can report incidents of fly tipping on the Council website: www.camden.gov.uk or they can 020 7974 4444.

exiting tube and railway stations or when walking along the street whilst using your mobile devices.

Dog mess still tops the polls

Dog fouling has been the top concern for most residents in every Safety Views survey since it began two years ago. Almost 70% of respondents agreed that it was a problem. In our most recent survey residents told us they were also concerned about dangerous dogs and people not keeping their dogs on a lead. One person reported a horrifying incident where they were attacked by three dogs in broad daylight.

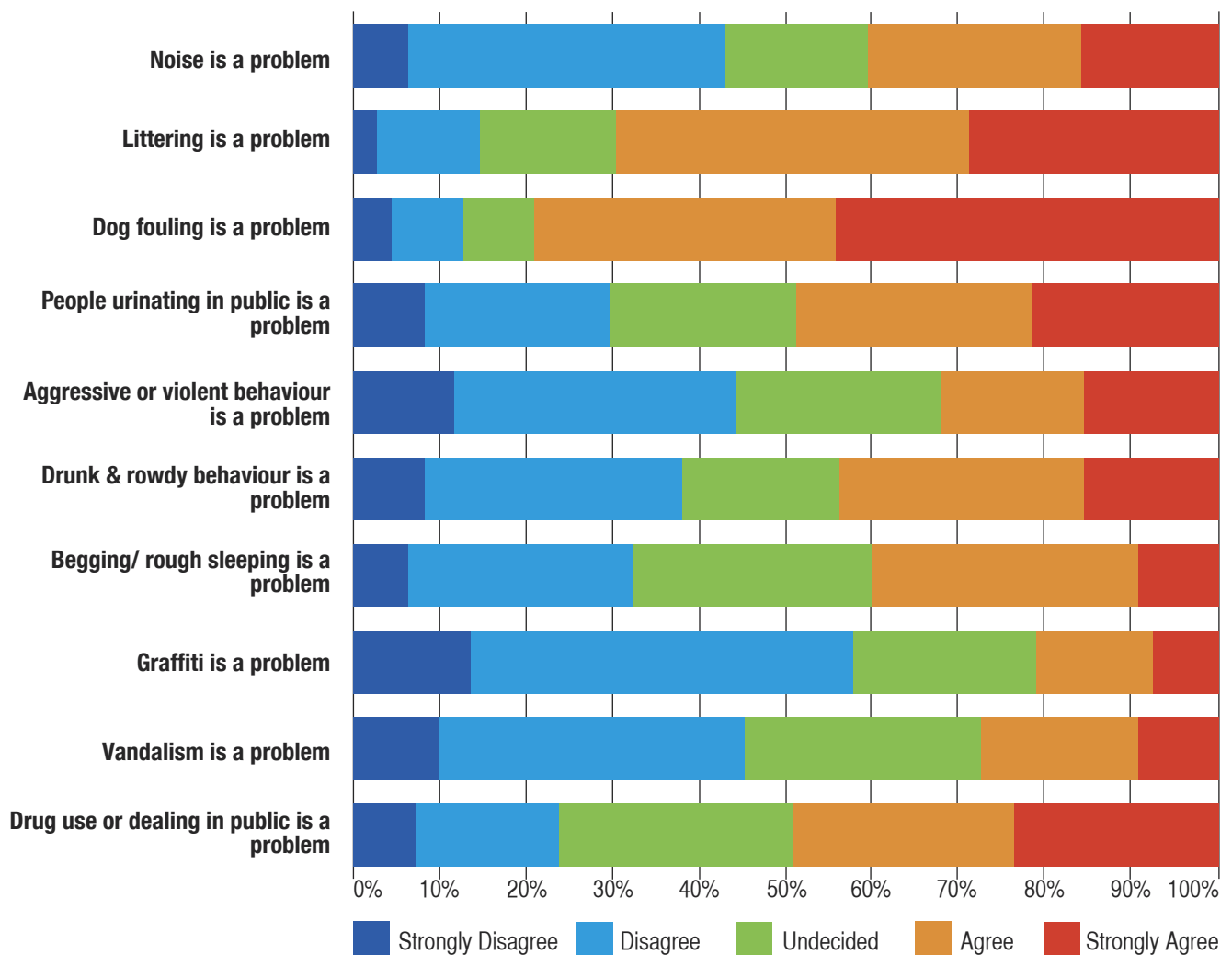
Thanks to Safety Views, new signs warning owners of steep fines when failing to clean up after their animals had been erected.

On Sunday 17 May Camden Council organised a community conversation on Dog Control. Dozens of residents attended. The general feeling expressed was the council should use the new Dog Control Orders to make it compulsory to

keep dogs on leads across the borough. There was also a call for more action to be taken against dog owners who fail to clean up dog mess.

If residents have been affected by a dog related incident they can contact the Dog Hub by emailing: hub@btopenworld.com You can find out more about the Dog Hub services by visiting www.thedoghub.co.uk

Participants in Camden Safety Views were asked ‘Thinking of your local area, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?’ These are the full results:



PLEASE NOTE: In previous surveys a number of people raised concerns about cyclist either riding on pavements or jumping lights, so in our Summer survey we have added an extra question about inconsiderate cyclists.

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