



Dear Resident,

Improved Policing for Earl's Court

Met to deploy major initiative backed by Council activity

Earl's Court has become a hotspot for certain types of criminal and anti-social behaviour (ASB). Dealing with crime and ASB in Earl's Court is a key priority for the Met Police and the Council safety teams who are working in tandem to develop better and innovative response mechanisms.

New measures are now planned as a specific result of a period of heightened Police and Council activity at the end of last year. That level of activity delivered good results and the new measures will include a Section 80 Partial Closure Notice applied by the Police to the Earl's Court area along with increased and dedicated Council activity. Please note that this notice will not prevent anyone entering or leaving Earl's Court nor will it result in the closure of any premises (unless they are causing specific problems). What the notice will do will give the police more powers as detailed below.

New Section 80 Measures

The Section 80 Partial Closure Notice will run for three months (with the possibility of extension for up to three further months). This is a high profile and unusual measure applied for a protracted period to a wide area such as Earl's Court. In London the Met Police have done this only once (in Shepherd's Bush where it was considered to be a great success). Once approved by the Courts, which will require significant residents' support, the Section 80 Partial Closure Notice will enable the police to:

- Increase police numbers and presence in Earl's Court
- Prohibit street drinking and the possession of devices to use class A drugs
- Use Compulsory Banning Orders (CBOs) to ban individuals from the area altogether
- Clamp down on ASB with lower thresholds for arrest

Any breaches of the Section 80 notice may result in arrest, charge and potentially court action against offenders. Offenders can receive prison sentences of up to 3 months and unlimited fines.

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Enhanced Council Activity

In support of the Police initiative, the Council will be running another of its ward blitzes in October which will focus a large number of resources in the ward to maximize the impact of the Police action and clamp down on other indiscretions in the area.

We recognise that the ward blitz at the end of 2022 worked well but the area slowly regressed. Going forward, we believe that this two-pronged focus will provide far better results for the area over a prolonged period.

The Council activities will include:

- Increased presence of community safety teams in Earl's Court
- Parking enforcement against illegally parked delivery drivers and other offenders
- More frequent and greater fines issued for ASB

We need your support to make Earl's Court safer

In order to enact this legislation for Earl's Court, the Police will be conducting an evidence gathering process across the Community throughout August and early September with a view to applying for the Court order in late September.

If successful, the Section 80 Partial Closure Notice is expected to be in place no later than October and during its implementation we can expect to see a far greater Police presence on our streets when it comes into force.

To ensure the Section 80 Partial Closure Notice is approved, we need residents' support to seek Court approval because the court order application process depends on submissions from concerned members of the public. The Police have now gathered a number of statements from residents and businesses but the more who are willing to provide one, the more compelling the case.

If you would be willing to provide a statement or evidence to the police in the event further statements are needed, then please let me know by emailing my office at felicity.buchan.mp@parliament.uk.

Yours Sincerely,



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