

SBP 24 - 27 Strategy Development Public Consultation Responses

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Strongly Agree	As chair of Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association and Treasurer to the Safer Neighbourhood Board, I'm deeply committed to this concept	Strongly Agree	It's what we try to do at Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association.	Strongly Agree	Neighbourhood Watch is weakest in the higher crime areas so any help given by LBB to reduce crime is very welcome	Y		
Agree		Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		
Agree	Agree but don't think our leaders have enough sit to achieve this.	Agree	Agree again but at this moment we have NO neighbourhood police. Two are abstracted and one on leave. Dream on	Agree	Yes go for it.	Y		
Strongly Agree	Preventing crime is better than enforcing crime	Strongly Agree	Empowering people to protect themselves will reduce crime but must be backed up by effective enforcement	Strongly Agree	Resources should be focussed on high crime areas and no single agency can work alone	Y	Y	
Agree	Crime prevention is better, cheaper and less disruptive than crime once it has occurred/been committed - for all concerned. Potential victims, the perpetrators and the public services who investigate and compensate.	Agree	Crime prevention is better, cheaper and less disruptive than crime once it has occurred/been committed - for all concerned. Potential victims, the perpetrators and the public services who investigate and compensate.	Agree	To have the most impact for the resources expended it is best to do worst first, however, we should not ignore the statistically more law abiding areas as residents in these areas also need to feel they are not being ignored or side-lined and that their concerns are of equal validity.	Y	Y	Y
Agree	There are many ways to deliver crime prevention services, The borough should be actively investing in youth services in areas of the borough most affected by high levels of youth crime	Agree	as above prevention is far more cost effective in the long term.	Agree			Y	Y
Strongly Agree	Prevention is better than cure.	Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		
Strongly Agree	Crime and the fear of crime prevents people from living a healthy life.	Strongly Agree	No point using a scatter gun approach, help where help is need most is the best solution	Strongly Agree	Working with people in the local community makes sense. sense a good example to others	Y		
Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		
Strongly Agree	I want to feel safe where I live and I want to be able to not worry that my kids are safe when they are out without me	Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		Y
Agree	I don't really understand the question and what it may imply. Crime prevention program sounds vague. It could mean anything from youth programs to heavily monitored streets by the police. I think it is important but if it means only more police I'm not sure I completely agree. I think that social programs to help those in need are more important and will in the long term, prevent people from becoming criminals. But also as long as there are strong social programmes, and not only heavily policing, I'm not against more police on the streets or any other crime	Strongly Agree	If there is a way of accurately providing early intervention I'm all for it.	Agree	Same as with question 1. The above is too vague, and I could be agreeing with anything from capital punishment to a slight slap on the wrist. I'm exaggerating obviously, but I hope it helps make the point	Y	Y	Y
Strongly Agree	Bobby's on the beat. As it was in the 60's.	Disagree	All peopleshould be protected if not then it would lead to more people being impacted or affected by crime	Agree	Yes but there is the danger that crime and disorder will more the another area.	Y	Y	
Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		
Strongly Agree	to reduce crime and promote prevention and make people feel safer in Bromley	Strongly Agree	everyone should be protected but identifying the most vulnerable can only be a good thing	Agree	.	Y	Y	
Agree		Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		

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Disagree	Without seeing what that 'comprehensive crime prevention programme' would entail, I cannot answer yes. I'm worried a survey like this gives you advance approval to take actions to 'improve safety' that may cause other harms. For example, you may decide to increase lighting that will harm nature and cause light pollution but argue that this will make running in the park at night, (for example) 'safer'.	Disagree	It is not clear who is being targeted, people you suspect likely to commit crimes, or people you want to protect from crime. What are the interventions? What kind of crime?	Neutral	If you are targeting the 'areas with the highest levels' of crime, does that mean you won't be addressing crime elsewhere? Is your ambition to curb crimes of all types, or only reports of particular types of crime? Looking at the 'Your Safer Neighbourhoods Team' page where I live, the priorities set by local people in agreement with the police, issued on 12th October, have 'no update available' written under 'actions taken'. So I don't feel confident that 'communities are central to the development, commissioning, and delivery of services'. No one could disagree that "designing and delivering targeted crime and disorder reduction measures in collaboration with communities in areas with the highest levels of reported crime and disorder. should be a priority for the London Borough of Bromley" [sic] but I don't believe that there will be a joined up service to achieve that. The 101 number is not usually answered, and if you report anti social behaviour to Bromley, they say 'that' a police matter'. Basically I feel that's what you mean by	Y		
Strongly Agree	Too much crime: particularly car theft, ASB and shoplifting. Too much street violence, no longer feeling safe to walk the streets	Strongly Agree	Eliminate the need or opportunity for crime	Strongly Agree	Issue is non reporting of crime means "main areas of crime" is distorted. Need to encourage or incentivise reporting	Y		
Strongly Agree	Communities need to address local ASB issues themselves and be equipped to prevent escalation.	Strongly Agree	Resources are limited and should be channelled to help the most vulnerable and prevent escalation/ further harm. There does not seem to be a wide range of third sector involvement in Bromley. This needs to be bolstered, as this would be more sustainable. Statutory agencies can then focus on the most complex cases.	Strongly Agree	This will enable resources to be targeted to crime hot spots and priority issues. Evidence led. Public perception is important too and needs to be acknowledged and not dismissed. Often people want reassurance and a presence and this will have a deterrent effect. Capable guardians will prevent crime.		Y	Y
Strongly disagree	Because it is not in place now.	Strongly Agree	Personal experience	Neutral	Don't fully understand the question	Y		Y
Strongly Agree	I had to leave my home because of hate crime no action was taken no one helped me with accommodation for 3 months yet the police said I had to leave my home 3 1/2 thousand pound later just got temporary accommodation whilst they are still free and at home	Strongly Agree	Because all the hurt my child went through and myself and nothing was done	Strongly Agree	Nothing is done and should be	Y		Y
Agree	Restricting any anti social behaviour has a longevity to society	Agree		Neutral			Y	Y
Strongly Agree	crime prevention is very important	Strongly Agree	police presence needs increasing	Strongly Agree	policing at risk areas will reduce crime	Y	Y	Y
Agree	advice for staying safe targeted to the venerable	Agree	yes education is important	Agree	this is obvious - yes	Y	Y	
Agree		Agree		Agree			Y	

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Strongly Agree	Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility in ensuring we can all live in a safer community.	Strongly Agree	Vulnerable people in the community need to be identified and protected so that they feel safe within their own environment.	Strongly Agree	Working alongside community groups and identifying areas of high crime rates will reassure residents that Bromley Council/Police are working together to reduce crime	Y			
Agree	Yes, I believe that the London Borough of Bromley should deliver a comprehensive crime prevention programme as a priority, however that in itself will not build resilient communities. Communities will only become resilient if their concerns and/or experience of crime is dealt with efficiently and positively, without that	Agree		Agree		Y			
Agree		Agree		Agree		Y			
Agree		Strongly Agree		Agree		Y		Y	
Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y	Y		
Agree	A 'group' cannot be considered to be a resilient community unless everyone 'pulls together'. Interaction at all levels should be encouraged.	Strongly Agree	Protection of vulnerable persons and groups should be given high priority.	Strongly Agree	LB Bromley should actively support all communities, not just those with the highest levels of reported crime and disorder	Y			
Agree	Common sense.	Agree	As 2.	Agree	As 2	Y			
Agree	Encourages community partnerships and wellbeing.	Agree	many in that category don't have access to online information and may be bypassed when alerts are flagged up	Strongly Agree	young people are quick to alert their peer group to join any planned disruptions - which result in situations "spreading like wildfire"	Y			
Agree	Who, apart from those of criminal bent, could possibly disagree with the concept of coordinating efforts within the community to reduce the likelihood of individuals becoming victims of crime?	Agree	Criminals will naturally tend to choose soft targets where possible. Such targets tend to be found amongst our most vulnerable residents. Targeted early intervention should therefore help to counter the criminals' efforts to exploit what they might otherwise regard as easy	Agree	By encouraging community collaboration the police will get 'more bang for their bucks'. Crime is unfortunately still a big industry, and community involvement is likely to make life more difficult for the criminal. The criminal career becomes less attractive.	Y			
Strongly Agree	It is a basic priority to guarantee a sense of security in the borough.	Agree	They need most help.	Strongly Agree	This is self-evident	Y			
Strongly Agree	Police needs to be seen each day walking not just driving into the area	Strongly Agree	Car theft is a big issue, patrolling around to spot vulnerable areas	Strongly Agree		Y	Y		
Strongly Agree	too many burglaries Stealing from shops	Agree		Neutral	we need policing all over the borough	Y			
Disagree		Disagree		Disagree				Y	
Strongly Agree	Bromley is becoming a less safe place especially at weekend evenings. I see young boys riding the High Street on bikes in a dangerous manner unchallenged	Strongly Agree	Surely this is something we all want?	Agree	Without doubt.	Y			
Strongly Agree	Individuals within communities need to take as many precautionary measures as possible to help prevent crime. However it would also be preferable to have more police who are visible and easy to contact for community safety	Strongly Agree	But let it not be forgotten that ALL residents can be affected by crime.	Strongly Agree	But only ONE priority!	Y			

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Strongly disagree	The statement is just a string of buzzwords that is meaningless.	Strongly disagree	This statement means nothing.	Strongly disagree	Please proofread before publishing a public survey. This also means nothing and has several grammatical errors.	Y		
Strongly Agree	Our children should feel safe when traveling to school and meeting friends as too many are being targeted for theft of their coats and mobile phones.	Strongly Agree	Again vigilance is needed when visiting Bromley town centre to shop eat out or go to the theatre. Mugging is a problem and petty crime against the elderly or young vulnerable people seems to be a fairly regular occurrence	Strongly Agree	Absolutely a priority as policing is not the answer or viable in all areas. Communities need to be educated, advised and work together.	Y		Y
Strongly Agree	Effective crime prevention is essential to give confidence to communities and reduce crime, thus enabling police to concentrate on what crimes there are	Strongly Agree	Ensure those most vulnerable in their communities feel they are a priority...not forgotten	Agree	Very sensible, but don't forget those communities with less heavy crime levels	Y		
Agree	Increasing problematic crime, perception little being done from burglary to shop lifting to car crime. With inaction risks further criminal offences	Disagree	I am unsure there is an evidence base for this. Drug and alcohol services and homeless services should continue to support their clients However I think everyone living in Bromley should be protected by LBB from being victims of crime	Agree	I think all people in Bromley should be protected from the causes and consequences of crime. But where there are hotspots it would make sense that more time / resources follows this.	Y	Y	
Strongly Agree	We are all responsible for maintaining safety for ourselves and others around us but it is reassuring to know that there is a structure in place	Strongly Agree	It gives us a feeling of security knowing that vulnerable people are being supported as a priority	Strongly Agree	To make us all feel safer in our locality	Y		
Strongly Agree	Because crime prevention is not a police only issue.... Eg we have seen the damage cutting youth clubs and services	Agree	Crime affects everyone and costs everyone and with the cost of living people are at most risk of crime	Agree	Is it to bring crime Levels down and make the Borough anniversary place to live?	Y		Y
Neutral	I'm more worried about insulating homes, road safety and reducing the carbon footprint of the borough given the impact it has on local health and cost of living	Agree	I am concerned about county lines and feel young people need more support. I'm also concerned about safety of the elderly in their homes	Agree	Working with the communities with the highest levels of crime in a collaborative way will bring the more targeted and practical approach and successful results	Y	Y	
Strongly disagree	Because it's motherhood and apple pie words. Until we get police on the ground nabbing the criminals and a court system that properly punishes them, nothing will happen. Folk don't bother reporting crime because often the police do nothing about it so any set of statistics will be wrong	Strongly disagree	The statement means nothing. Telling an old lady to be careful will be of no help to her when a criminal knocks on the door and spins a tale. Deterring the criminals by fear of being arrested is the solution. That takes time to make happen and involves heavy police work, nabbing, prosecuting and jailing	Strongly disagree	Sounds wonderful but "communities" are at work, watching the telly or just getting by. The police are needed to deter, nab and jail criminals.	Y		
Strongly Agree	Crime is very debilitating on an individual and community level. Especially crimes like burglary, vandalism, robbery, fly tipping etc. which drag an area down and if not prosecuted can proliferate	Disagree	I would probably focus on providing facilities and intervening to prevent those who might otherwise go on to commit the crime (e.g. children from certain disadvantaged backgrounds) rather than on potential victims	Agree	If there is a known area where criminals can operate with impunity then that could proliferate. In an ideal world the whole of Bromley should be equally safe.	Y		Y
Agree	Strength and feeling amongst community works better	Agree	Know who you are dealing with helps	Agree	As before strength in numbers		Y	
Neutral	Not sure what this means - seems a bit vague. What I do think is that we need is a police force that is keen to pursue crime other than public disorder. My own experience is that when it comes to low-level crime the police are lazy and disinterested, which can only embolden criminals	Agree	Targeting resource is always a good thing	Neutral	Targeting is good but not sure what this means in practice. The phraseology and question construction reads as if it is designed to elicit a positive response for an unexplained strategy already decided upon - rather than genuinely seek out views.	Y		

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Strongly Agree	This affects all Bromley stakeholders:residents, businesses and visitors. Therefore it is a key element of building a better Bromley.	Strongly Agree	Provides most cost effective use of resources.	Neutral	My reservation is that many crimes go unreported but are still a nuisance and affect quality of life: cycling in pedestrian areas, litter dropping etc. So I'm not sure that reported crime is the key and only measurement here	Y	Y	Y
Agree	Prevention so important. Involving the community also important	Neutral	Not certain how these people are identified?	Neutral	Should be borough wide not focused on certain communities to the detriment of others	Y	Y	
Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		
Strongly Agree	All residents should have the freedom to enjoy their locale in safety.	Strongly Agree	Tending to the care and safety of those most at risk should be a priority.	Strongly Agree	Community led intelligence is vital in ensuring that scant resources are used in a proactive and targeted manner ensuring success	Y	Y	Y
Strongly Agree	Cost of living Crisis and austerity fuels crime	Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y	Y	
Strongly Agree	The safety and security of both the residents and businesses in Bromley are of paramount importance. This should be number one on the LBB's agenda	Strongly Agree	The same as question 2.	Agree	Any London Borough will have priorities. If the facts show that a particular area is vulnerable to crime the LBB should respond accordingly	Y		
Agree		Strongly Agree		Neutral		Y		
Strongly Agree	Communities will feel more safe and resilient if they are confident that active steps are always being taken to fight crime and prevent it occurring in the first place.	Strongly Agree	It seems that criminals will virtually always want an easy life, hence their targeting of vulnerable groups of people. So protection of such groups is paramount in trying to deflect the attentions of criminals.	Strongly Agree	But this is countered by the need to target crime in all areas of the borough, not just the areas with the highest levels of reported crime and disorder to the exclusion of areas with lower, but still unacceptable, levels as crime brings distress to all impacted people	Y		
Strongly Agree	All communities should work together to reduce crime Crime appears to be on the up in the borough	Agree	Depends on the resources available	Strongly Agree	I think schools should be involved.	Y		
Strongly Agree	It's vital for our safety.	Strongly Agree		Strongly Agree		Y		
Strongly Agree	Everybody wants to feel safe in their community, regardless of their background. A good crime prevention programme will stop crime before it occurs. This will depend on having visible Police patrols, the Police being able to do their jobs and restoring trust between the Police and the public.	Strongly Agree	Early intervention in what might be termed "troubled families" is essential if future crime and anti-social behaviour problems are to be avoided and tackled. Very often the same people are known to various agencies e.g. social services, Police, health services, so it should be easy to identify them. A stitch in time saves nine.	Strongly Agree	Police resources should be targeted at the areas with the highest crime rates but other areas must also receive a fair share of resources, otherwise criminals will simply commit crimes in areas that are seen as lower priority. Policing should be visible and the Police allowed to do their job without fear or favour. At the moment, the Police act more like social workers rather than law enforcers.	Y		