



St Stephens Close Priority Estate Inspection newsletter – August 2010

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Welcome to the Priority Estate Inspection newsletter

Priority Estate inspections are carried out quarterly to tackle concerns on local estate based issues. During these inspections residents have the opportunity to meet with the Police, Ward Councillors and Ascham Homes Officers.

On Wednesday, 11 August 2010 we carried out a Priority Estate Inspection on your estate; the following officers and residents attended:

- Ivy Wilson Resident
- Nikki Scofield Resident
- Neil Brittain Surveyor
- Marie Williamson Senior Estate Supervisor
- Russell Gillingham Police Community Support Officer
- Erhan Mestanoglu Assistant Community Development Officer

Feedback from the inspection:

Location / Description	Job Ref	Due Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The neighbour’s tree had affected the concrete panel fencing in the communal drying area. The fencing had shifted and has become a health & safety issue. The neighbour has not fully completed the works and will be asked to do so as soon as possible. This area has been secured. The area affected is at the back of entrance flats 27 – 30 (picture below). 	Area now secured. Placed on list of works.	To Be Confirmed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The concrete paving slabs in the communal drying area had risen, due to the tree mentioned above. These paving slabs will be removed and this area will be soiled as soon as the concrete panel fencings are fixed (picture below). 	447528/1	18/06/10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ There are three un-even pavement slabs outside the main entrance to flats 39 – 44 and also in the communal drying area. These will be removed and have been placed on a program of works for them to be re-laid again. 	447528/1	18/06/10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Block of Flats 45-65 intercom wires in the communal area are exposed. These wires will be re-secured (picture below). 	196767	21/09/10



Feedback from the inspection (continued):

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Wingfield Parks' chain link fencing has big gaps in them. They will be re-secured with chain link again to prevent children climbing through (picture below).	464753/1	20/10/10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The bicycles that used to be stored inside the communal areas of the blocks are now been placed outside, in the external communal walkways. It is not permissible to have them in these areas due to Health & Safety. These areas are fire escape routes. You should keep personal items in your homes. If you continue to store items in communal areas, they will be removed (picture below).	N/A	To be kept clear at all times



A message from the Metropolitan Police

Operation KORG commenced on July 12th 2010. This is joint initiative with the local authority. This intelligence led operation commenced with the aim of tackling serious youth violence and associated anti social behaviour. The local authority and partners are providing a broad range of support from education, youth offending, licensing and dangerous dog enforcement.

We are concentrating on four specific areas where there has been an increase in crime and police are targeting the following areas – the High Street E17, Bakers Arms E10, Leytonstone High Road E11 and the area around Coronation Gardens E10. There will be an increased police presence in these areas

This is not a short term measure and we will be seeking to impact on longer term issues - a joint partnership is being established to tackle gang related crime. This will incorporate police and the local authority co-locating and working together.

Police from Waltham Forest have had significant support from the Territorial Support Group (TSG) and the Traffic Unit with the aim of disrupting gang activity. We have been conducting more weapon sweeps and stop and search, which we make no apology for. This sends out the message that if you are found with a knife or firearms there will be serious consequences.

We have already seen a reduction in the number of robberies over the past week. Since the operation began, the TSG have conducted some 385 searches, made 38 arrests for various offences such as robbery, possession of a bladed instrument, drugs possession and drugs supply. 20 of the arrests have resulted in the suspects being charged. 31 vehicles have also been seized for being un-roadworthy or being uninsured

This operation is just the beginning of a robust approach to gang related violence. Detective Superintendent Adrian Hutchinson said "This is a joint operation between a number of agencies and I am confident that it will make a real difference over the long term to the people of Waltham Forest".

If you have information and wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



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Metropolitan Police Free phone 24 hours

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The next St Stephens Close Priority Estate Inspection is taking place on:

Tuesday, 23 November 2010 at 9.30am, outside the car park area. All residents are invited to attend.