

CRIME AND POLICING UPDATE

From: Councillor Phil Briscoe – Blackwall & Cubitt Town

Dear Resident

We have had a busy few months with local crime reduction and policing issues, so I thought it was a good time to update you on some of the things that have been taking place recently.

While much of the information below is focused on the Isle of Dogs, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues elsewhere in Tower Hamlets (and not just on policing), or if you want to give me any feedback on the topics below.

If you're bored and want to read my concerns in more detail, you can do so at my blog - <http://philbriscoe.blogspot.com/>

POLICE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Last week, along with some of my council colleagues, I met the local Police Inspector and the Chief Inspector responsible for community policing in the Borough. This was a useful meeting to update us on some recent incidents, and also to discuss how we think local communications can be improved between residents and the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. One of the important points from this meeting was that local SNTs would like to improve their links with residents groups and associations. So, if you are involved in a resident group and you would like a local Police Officer to attend your meetings please let me know and I will pass your contact details on.

POLICE NUMBERS

One of our long-running issues is that the two wards on the Isle of Dogs receive no additional police resources despite being the largest wards in the borough, both in terms of area and population. Each ward currently has a Safer Neighbourhood Team of 6 officers, and we maintain that this is not sufficient for the population explosion we are witnessing. Promises of reviews in the future are not good enough, when the planners are making way for thousands of new homes. We need to increase resources now!

As such, I will be presenting a petition to the Metropolitan Police Authority at their meeting on 6th September, to explain that the Isle of Dogs is a unique case in London and to demand the resources we need. [If you would like to add your name to this petition please let me know and I will send you a form.](#)

CCTV UPDATES

Work is progressing with the installation of the first two CCTV sites on the Isle of Dogs - around Millwall Park and at the Aspen Way pedestrian subway. They will be operational within the next few weeks, and will be an important step in the fight against crime in this area, and an important success in our ongoing campaign to see CCTV in this area. Due to our constant pressure, there are also some very exciting plans emerging for the future of this subway, which will be published very soon.

