At the Community Safety walkabout and police ward panel meeting in March 2017, you told us youth anti-social behaviour (ASB), personal safety, drug dealing and drug use were serious concerns for you. Since March, we have developed an issues plan and the council, SNT and Tower Hamlets Homes have been working together to tackle these issues. Furthermore, this information was used by the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to set their next ward priorities.
Actions taken so far include:

**Saltwell Street**
- Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) inspected all estate lighting and fixed broken lights observed on the walkabout.

**Ming Street & Pennyfields**
- THH cut back overgrown trees and bushes to deter stolen bikes and other items from being stored in the foliage.
- THH conducted a site visit to review lighting in the area and will consider improvements to make the area brighter and safer to use at night.
- THH deployed the Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers (THEOs) and the Proactive Police Team to patrol the area, which resulted in three ASB warnings being issued to youths causing noise nuisance and littering in the area.
- The SNT also extended their patrols and conducted weapons sweeps along Ming Street following reports of cars pulling up to abuse nitrous oxide.

**Morant Street**
- THH inspected all security doors suspected of being vandalised and confirmed they are all fully operational and in good working order.
- The SNT engaged with residents to encourage reporting of vehicles suspected of drug dealing in the area. Several registration numbers have been retrieved and the police continue to work with residents to identify drug dealers and pursue prosecutions.

**Cruse House and Stoneyard Lane**
- THH deployed the THEOs and Proactive Police Team to patrol the area and three ASB warnings were issued
- THH cleared all fly-tipped rubbish observed on the walkabout

**Will Crooks Estate**
- THH consulted with residents in regards to installing speed restrictions on the estate. Funding has been agreed to make the improvements.
- THH installed a gerda gate to the car park outside Willis House, and provided keys to residents to lock the gate
- The Rapid Response Team (RRT) are working closely with Sister Christine Frost and attending partnership meetings to ascertain youth related issues in the area including what local services they can access.
- The RRT are exploring partnership links with local services and suitable locations to deliver sessions from the mobile bus. Work is currently in progress to support local partners and make the RRT more visible in the area.
Mayor of Tower Hamlets, John Biggs said: “I am committed to reducing crime and making all neighbourhoods across the borough safer for everyone”.

Chief Inspector Safer Neighbourhoods Tower Hamlets Borough, Martin Kirby said: "I want my officers to be visible and accessible to their communities. This is key to improving public confidence and understanding resident concerns around crime and disorder".

Cllr Asma Begum, cabinet member for Community Safety, said: “We are working with the whole community and taking action to combat crime and antisocial behaviour in our borough”
INFORMATION FROM YOU IS VITAL

Tower Hamlets Council, police, and partners, will continue to listen to your concerns and take action to make Poplar a safer place.

Help and support is available but we need you to report your issues to one of the numbers (or online) below:

- **Police (in an emergency)** 999
- **Police (non emergency)** 101

Or use the following numbers/online reporting methods:

- **Poplar Safer Neighbourhood Team** 0208 721 2852
- **Tower Hamlets Homes** 0800 917 5918
- **Street Link** 0300 500 0914  [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)
- **OWL - Online Watch Link**  [www.owl.co.uk/met](http://www.owl.co.uk/met)
  (Register for latest messages and local crime alerts)
- **24 hour statutory noise number** 0207 364 5007
  (Response: Thursday-Sunday: 8pm - 3.30am)
- **Streetline Team** 0207 364 5004
  (Free bulk rubbish collection: 9am - 5pm)
- **Crimestoppers** 0800 555 111

Thank you for your support - we will continue to take action to address issues in Poplar