

## QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY AND JUSTICE</b> <b>Councillor Hamida Ali</b>		
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**From Alan Corline**

**Councillor Hamida Ali**

**Cabinet Member for Communities, Safety and Justice**

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In view of the rape in the old town subway I would like to know if the council will be installing CCTV especially as the evenings are now dark very early, or does it feel its vanity projects are more important than protecting its citizens.

**Reply**

We take the safety of our residents extremely seriously and this sexual assault naturally significantly concerned all of us.

The council looked at the subway following this awful attack and we have improved the lighting, removed any graffiti, re-painted the subway to improve its look and feel and new mirrors will be installed by the end of the month. We don't have plans to install CCTV here however. Our CCTV resources are always under pressure and a number of cameras would be required to cover the entire subway plus. As horrific an attack as this was – thankfully we haven't seen a pattern of these offences at this site. However, the council has recently secured just under £90,000 to upgrade our pool of temporary CCTV cameras. These can be moved around the borough to ensure that the valuable CCTV resources we do have can be as flexible and responsive as possible.

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