

From a policing perspective, the PSPO in Croydon Town Centre will greatly benefit our officers, especially our town centre team and ward officers by supporting them with additional legislation to target street drinking and anti-social behaviour. This will help to reduce crime and disorder and the perception of crime and disorder in and around the town centre and make our community and businesses safer.

Our priority is to reduce violence and the fear of violence, so this supports our VAWG (Violence against women and girls) strategy by making our streets safer. We will also continue to work with partners in the council and community to improve and design out crime within the PSPO footprint. The PSPO is supported by the senior leadership team at Croydon, and we look forward for it to be implemented.

- **Chief Superintendent Dave Stringer**

I like to share with you some of our experiences in the Restaurant Quarter, South End.

The main negatives we see in the area are people drinking on the streets or on benches, becoming intoxicated and our customers tell us that they feel unsafe. Unfortunately, some of these people urinate in public areas.

We also have a problem with people begging for money, especially at times when alfresco areas are in operation in the warm weather. The PSPO would be very helpful in our area, because at the moment many customers are reluctant to return and spend their money in the local bars, restaurants and other shops.

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