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Under the Conservatives, Barnet's safety strategy wasn't working—quite literally. The CCTV cameras were non-operational 70 percent of the time, and the quality of the images was poor, resulting in this crucial safety measure consistently falling short.

We have worked at pace to put in place so much of what was missing – **fixing and expanding our CCTV** after 13 years in which the Tories had failed to even review the system, supporting local police on a range of targeted initiatives, and introducing two borough-wide Public Space Protection Orders to **combat enviro-crime and anti-social behaviour**.



Our proactive leadership has driven a much more effective safety partnership, delivering comprehensively for Barnet in combatting serious organised crime, serious violence and other key crimes. But we know that there is always more to do to make Barnet as safe as possible. **Which is why we need four more years of Labour drive and determination on safety, not Conservative inaction.**

A lot done already

Here's just a few key things we've delivered:

- We fixed and **expanded our CCTV** cameras with a new state-of-the-art control room located in Barnet.
- Added two community safety vehicles with CCTV streaming to the system giving a whole new flexibility to monitoring, enforcement, disruption and joint police operations.
- We introduced **two borough-wide public space protection orders** to tackle a range of enviro-crime and anti-social behaviour raised with us by residents.
- We brought in pop up **Community Safety Hubs** to enable residents across the borough to discuss issues, report and access support.
- We introduced a programme of **ward walks** across the borough, bringing together police and relevant council teams, and expanded these based on resident feedback to include road safety.
- We worked in partnership with the Police to bring the **Clear Hold Build** Initiative to the borough. It led to 400 arrests for a range of offences. In the area it operated in for two years it drove a 33 per cent reduction in anti-social behaviour calls and a 50 per cent fall in residential and non-residential burglary.
- We brought **summer park patrols** in-house ensuring they had the power to issue fines for anti-social behaviour.
- We backed up enforcement efforts with a public health-led approach that focusses on addiction support, youth outreach and work with housing providers.
- We have been tireless in our strategy to take on violence against women and girls. **Barnet Homes is now accredited** as a domestic abuse housing provider.

Lots more we will do

- We will continue to expand our vital CCTV system including a further **27 re-deployable CCTV units** to add to the 33 we have already brought in.
- We will look into the use of technology and AI to tackle anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping.
- We will continue our **tough enforcement action against fly-tipping**, with even tougher fines following the £100,000 in fines issued just in the last year.
- We will boost our work to crack down on fly-tipping and litter to keep Barnet clean with our revamped CCTV system.
- We will maintain summer park patrols with the power to issue fines for anti-social behaviour.
- We will hold **Community Safety Pop-up Hubs** across the borough, tackling emerging issues, increasing use of the Public Space Protection Order powers and targeted ward walks to continue to make Barnet's streets safer.
- We will extend our **Barnet Safe Havens scheme** to more venues to be safe spaces for women and girls who may need help, or anyone feeling threatened or unsafe.
- We will work with police and local communities to **combat hate crime** by increasing awareness, reporting and improving access to justice and support via Barnet's Victim Care Hub.
- We will continue to work with the police, local partners, CST, Shomrim, Tell Mama, and the British Muslim Trust to **keep communities safe**.
- We know international events have had significant impact on local communities. We will continue to work closely with community leaders, organisations, and the police to build dialogue, understanding and community safety together.

Lots to lose under the Conservatives

- They failed to provide a proactive and joined-up approach to community safety across every ward in the borough.
- They failed to build a strong and effective partnership with the police and other key stakeholders.
- They failed to tackle serious organised crime and violence in areas of the borough, leaving them neglected.
- They failed to deliver an enhanced CCTV system that provides vital infrastructure to fight crime and is regularly reviewed and improved.
- They failed to give park patrols the power to combat anti-social behaviour.