

Questions for Other Agencies – Spelthorne Partnership Assembly

1 Ashford Resident

- a) Can we have more visible continued policing in Ashford or security like you do in Staines?

Response from the Spelthorne Borough Council Community Safety Team and Police Inspector Walton.

The security in Staines Town Centre isn't provided by the council. It is privately funded by the Business Improvement District. The businesses pay for them so in Ashford any additional security would have to be paid for by the businesses. We cannot force shops to do this although think that certain shops should. We have raised this with their management.

Ashford was put forward to be a new hotspot as part of the Home office funded Operation Chariot however there is simply not yet the same level of reported incidents as Staines and Sunbury Cross. We have seen an increase in reporting and we do patrol Ashford with PCSO Zak Timmings out there pretty much every week. We are still short of four PCSO's which we are recruiting for but we are still not getting enough applications. There is an ongoing recruitment drive linked here : [Police Community Support Officers | Surrey Police](#). Once we have recruited more PCSO's I will be able to dedicate another to Ashford. We also have a number of other ongoing and upcoming activities planned.