

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Scrutiny Panel 2 – Retail Experience

Core Questions

Do you think crime has an affect on footfall to the town centre?

Potentially, as feeling safe is a key factor for everyone. More often than not you are dealing with a person's perception rather than their reality, and this is always harder to address.

What do you think the Council could do, in terms of safety, to make the town centre more appealing to visitors?

- **Continue working in partnership with agencies and businesses.**
- **Consult with all relevant agencies and internal departments when main events or projects are being planned for the town centre to ensure any potential issues are highlighted and addressed beforehand.**
- **Ensure the town is clean and free of signs of disorder which have detriment to shoppers' perception of safety.**

Do you think anti social behaviour caused by drinking and begging has an affect on footfall and how many prosecutions have there been in the past 12 months?

It is highly unlikely that this issue alone would negatively impact upon footfall within the town centre as it is not a major problem. However, the CSP consultation that took place in 2011/12 highlighted that street drinking and begging was a concern for some visiting the town centre.

From 01/04/2011 to date - 5 ASBO/CRASBO's have been granted on street drinkers/beggars

From 01/04/2011 (to 31/08/2012) – 1343 recorded DPPO seizures of alcohol by police/ wardens have been made. 63% (842) of these were made in the day time.

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