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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE

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I have lived in Darlington, a few tens of metres from Oxford St, for about 17 years.

At the height of the alcohol-related anti-social behaviour 'plague' I was calling the police about 6 nights a week, sometimes multiple times a night, to deal with patrons of licensed premises in my lane, who used it as a pre-fueling drinking and after-party venue, and toilet, leaving smashed bottles, graffiti, damaged property, etc in their wake. These drunks were deaf to any sense of social responsibility and could only be dealt with by police. I had to install security cameras on the front of my house so that I could see what was happening in my lane before I ventured outside to feel safe living here.

Since the lockouts and other measures to reduce alcohol-related violence have been in place, I have called the police once. Instead of a dozen people a night using outside my house as a toilet, I get a couple a week. I consider that a HUGE improvement.

My neighbourhood now feels safer and is a much, much more pleasant and civilised place to live.

These measures must be continued.

