

Summary from Community Safety Consultation

The community engagement platform was used to carry out a survey of residents on crime, anti-social behaviour and community safety. In total, 189 questionnaires were completed from residents across the borough.

The key headlines for the CSP consultation are as follows:

- Key concerns relating to WBC are fly tipping, litter and illegal parking.
- Key crimes are drugs, burglary and property theft.
- Key themes for concern are knife crime and cybercrime, while the highest “unsure” responses, which may indicate a lack of understanding, are Prevent and Cuckooing

Perceptions of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in the Borough have remained largely the same with similar percentages seen as last year regarding perceived increases or decreases.

Confidence in Policing has increased year on year, as has confidence in Woking Borough Council. The below table shows the year-on-year percentages for those that have answered that they are either Very Confident or Confident in Surrey Police and Woking Borough Council:

Surrey Police – confidence

	2021/22 consultation	2022/23 consultation	Difference
Crime	29.7%	38.6%	+8.9%
Anti-Social Behaviour	23.9%	27.5%	+3.6%

Woking Borough Council – confidence

	2021/22 consultation	2022/23 consultation	Difference
Crime	16.7%	20.6%	+3.9%
Anti-Social Behaviour	16.1%	20.1%	+4%

- Less than 14% have either been a victim of, or have witnessed a hate crime in the Borough. This is a 1% increase on last year’s consultation figures.
- 69.8% of respondents stated they felt safe living in Woking. This is up from 61% last year.

Key themes surrounding feeling safe:

- Police presence (uniformed presence) – overwhelmingly most commented
- Vehicle related ASB (noise, speed, dangerous driving)
- Street lighting

Secondary Themes surrounding feeling safe:

- Alcohol related disorder
- CCTV
- Youth related ASB

Full consultation results can be provided on request.