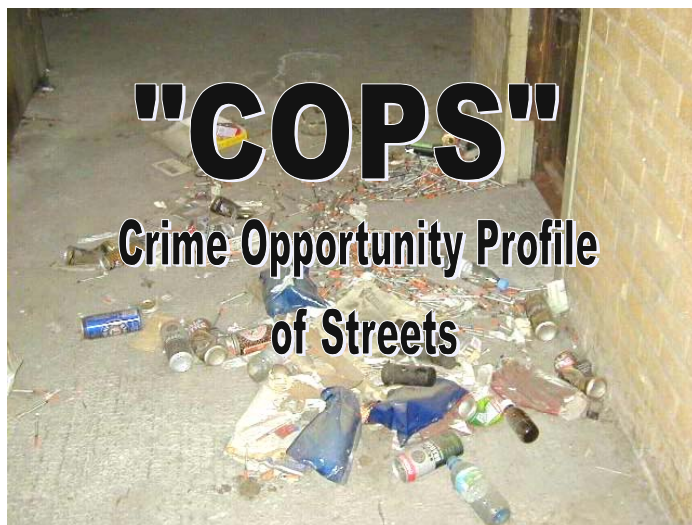


Annex 2 – Introduction to UK COPS

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“A systematic and detailed study of a street and the building interfaces with the street in commercial centres which suffer from street crime and problems associated with the consequences of a drug market.”



What COPS does

COPS identifies environmental features that offer actual or potential opportunities to commit crime or generate the fear of crime and also features that provide sites for drug taking and dealing and other anti social behaviour.

A COPS report suggests practical solutions!

The strength of COPS

- Simple.
- Practical.
- Catalyses strong working relationships with a wide range of partners.
- Provides a ready reference of problems for local authority officers.
- Can provide the lead for environmental improvements as part of an anti drugs initiative.
- Provides easily measurable performance targets and outcomes.

Local Authority Departments that benefit from a COPS report include

- Planning
- Building Control
- Street Environment

What are the mechanics of crime opportunity profiling and how is it done in the London Borough of Camden?

- Crime Distribution and Analysis
- Initial walkabout with the local police officer
- A COP looks for existing and potential problems

HOLBORN BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP CRIME OPPORTUNITY PROFILE

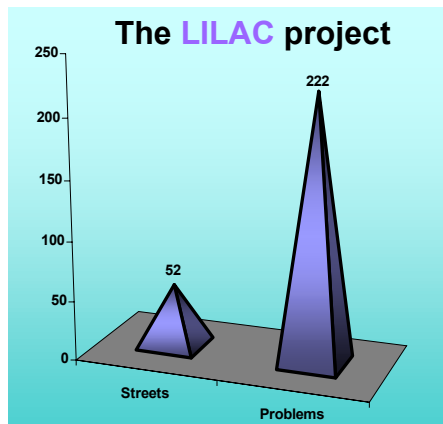
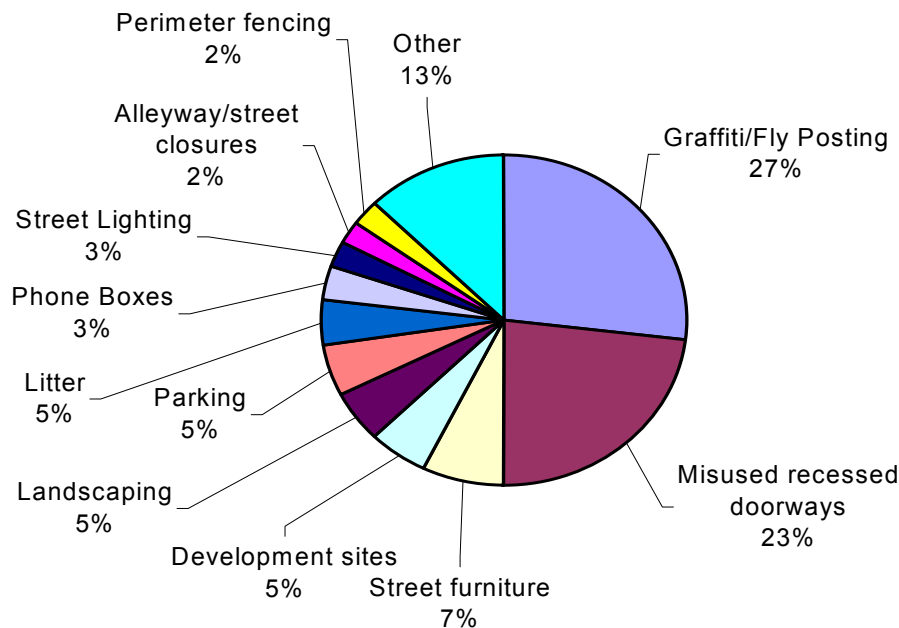
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ADDRESS	NPC Car Park Smith Street WC1
PREMISES TYPE	Public Paying Car Park
OWNER/SUFFERER	NPC Car Parks Ltd, 123 Smith Street, London W1 0207 665 4321 Fred Brown – Manager
PROBLEM	Drug users are accessing the car parks at all times. They are depositing used needles and other drug paraphernalia in the car park and are responsible for many of the thefts from motor vehicles. There is no access control into the car park and there are many places inside the car park that are being used for rough sleeping and drug taking.
RECOMMENDATION	See report reference 24/c/03 re full recommendations. In essence the car park requires access control operated through use of the car parking tickets. Advice has been given to owner to upgrade the car park to ACPO's Secured Car Park Standards
LEAD	CPDA and Camden Community Safety Planning Officer

Crime and disorder addressed by COPS

- Drug dealing
- Drug taking
- Theft from the person
- Robbery
- Begging
- Fly posting
- Littering
- Footway obstruction
- Graffiti/criminal damage
- Rough sleeping
- Loitering for illicit purposes

What are the problems identified by COPS in a drug market?**Main problems identified during the LILAC project****What can be achieved?**

Some general aims:

- Maximise natural surveillance
- Improvements to street lighting
- Improve pedestrian flow
- Keep the street clean
- Improve general street management
- Enforcement
- Remove recessed doors
- Prevent trespass into private space
- Work in partnership with local authority

Graffiti



Doorways and recesses

The drinkers, the homeless, the dealers and the users – they all like them.



Possibly the worst affected recess door in Camden.



Illegal but very effective.
Doors open directly unto the highway.
Building is empty so no real problem



Replace the old railings removed during the
Second World War.



The high rise solution to a deep light well. Cap it ...



... and create a penthouse bed for the homeless.

Street furniture



A nice, Victorian, marble drinking fountain.



Well, nice for the drug users.



Due to the ongoing problems the monument was removed.



The new fenced and gated site.



The drug dealers and street drinkers love a bench.



Problem sorted.

- Street furniture quickly becomes covered in posters – stipple it.
- The stippling on lamp posts will still allow for tying on posters. At least it is easily removed.



Landscape and gardens



- The area behind the hoarding is a community garden and play area.
- Previous perimeter was a free stone wall that acted as a climbing frame and a drug hiding place.
- The inside of the garden was so overgrown drug users had plenty of privacy.
- Work began to clear the area.



It now looks like this and will soon be replanted to restore it to its garden status.





Street planting areas that had to be changed due to discarded drug-taking paraphernalia. Photograph on the right shows it as it is now.

Alleyways



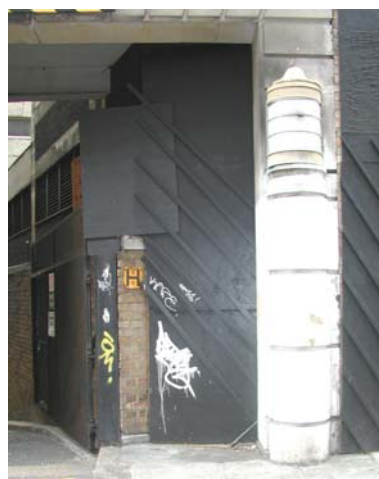
A series of interlinking alleys in the West End that were, at night time, a public toilet and drug use area.



They are now gated during the night to prevent problems.



A building owner takes it upon himself to solve his problem of drug use alley.



Car parks



The double entry to a favoured drug use site.



Now has full height, street level gates.



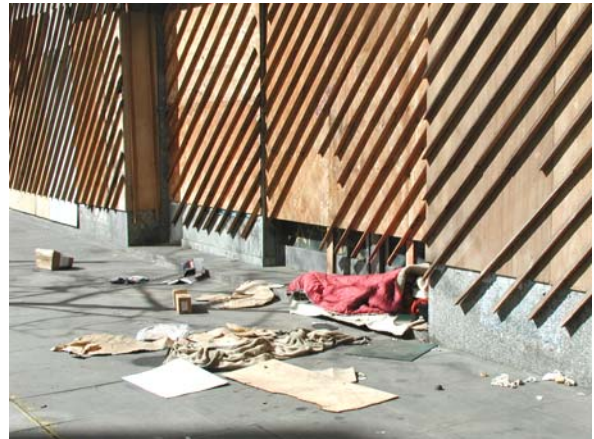
The costly, but extremely effective, access control system for an underground car park.



Perimeter protection



Hoardings ripped apart to gain access to a crack house.



Same again, to crawl in.



Let's hide the site office behind this hoarding and while we are at it create a nice obscured pathway.



Advertising boards hide grassland where hypodermics grow.



The preferred choice with a high level of visibility.



Efforts to keep the homeless etc away from the windows at this building.
Three attempts and it still didn't keep the burglars out.



Keep off the walls!

ATMs



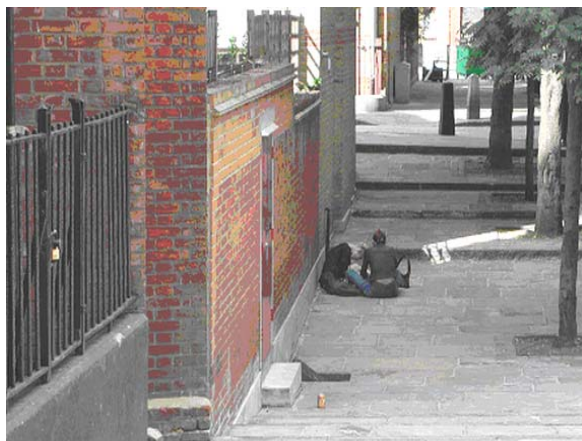
Begging, robbery etc – a common occurrence here.



The high visibility mirrored wall and privacy zones create a much safer environment.



The more widely recognised method of creating same privacy zones.



Despite all our efforts...

Some people still take their drugs in the street.

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