

**City of Westminster**  
**Written Council Question**  
**Standing Order 9(c)**

The following sets out a question from Councillor Selina Short asked, in accordance with Standing Order 9(c) of Councillor Aicha Less, Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection and Licensing

**Councillor Selina Short**

*For at least the past two and a half weeks the residents who live around St John's Gardens have been constantly disturbed at night by drunken behaviour and serious ASB in the locked park. They have been reporting this to both the Police and the Council. Cllr Harvey and I have been involved and are working with WCC officers; the WCC officers are working on this but are finding hard to make progress. Could the Cabinet Member undertake to bring the agencies together to end the problem?*

*More generally how can the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection help our WCC officers work closer with the police to solve anti-social behaviour as swiftly as possible?*

**Councillor Aicha Less**

It is deeply regrettable that the residents around St John's Gardens are experiencing ASB caused by the behaviours of others.

The Council is aware of a number of issues around the location and is working closely with the local policing team to identify those who have been using the park to drink, sleep and commit ASB. We have increased our local patrols in this area, and are working proactively with the rough sleeping team to support individuals who otherwise have no where to sleep.

Our proactive approach has identified a handful of individuals who have repeatedly engaged in anti social behaviour and they are to be served with Community Protection Warning Notices imminently. We will also continue to enforce our by-laws and take action against amplified noise after 9pm.

We will continue to be proactive and respond to further evidence of noise, amplified music and anti social behaviour, and residents can keep us updated using our report it tool.

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