

## 2 NEIGHBOURHOOD

*Does the group believe this should be a key priority for the Older People Strategy?*  
Yes

### **Making it easier for all ages to mix**

1. Mixed housing is important in certain situations
2. IT skills important for older people to stay connected – is there potential for a project for young people to teach older people how to use computers (possibly Hart Neighbourhood Centre)
3. Police or Older People to talk to schools about age gap, life before, how behaviour affects older people etc
4. More need to deal with the perceptions of young and old rather than necessarily having them mix

### **Feeling safe: visible policing**

1. Officers to spend more time patrolling the estates rather than just high streets
2. Officers patrolling around their area is reassuring
3. Police to continue to find out residents concerns
4. Police to tie in more with NHW with issues in the area
5. National funding is an issue, Hart's low crime rate means less officers
6. Police could act as standby School Crossing Patrol Officers
7. Did not agree with private policing

### **Feeling safe: footpath maintenance and street lighting etc**

1. Would like more street lighting in poor areas
2. Overgrown footpaths an issue, Council officers should be actively looking for issues and identifying narrow dangerous paths
3. More salt bins needed
4. Street lighting makes people feel safer
5. Younger people tend to complain about street lighting
6. Rosemary Lane footpath needs looking into

### **Older people's champions – representing views and wishes**

1. Neighbourhood Watch important channel for delivering messages
2. One group thought it would be a good idea if Neighbourhood Watch checked on older people within the community.
3. Volunteer groups try to work with more vulnerable groups
4. More publicity required in local areas
5. Lots of agencies, organisations and services for Older People must information must be publicised more, in a more simple way and must be accessible. Perhaps a single point of contact.
6. Bobby Trust / Sentinel Housing Association information needs to be out there, people not aware schemes like this

### **Pub opening hours**

1. Pub opening hours seem to have made things better as pubs and clubs in Hart not staying opening much later

## **CCTV**

2. Good deterrent
3. Not suitable for residential areas
4. Good system as long as procedures/trained operators in place
5. Reassurance value

## **Neighbourhood from other groups**

1. Liked having a Tourist Information office in Fleet
2. Dropped kerbs on Fleet Road are not shallow enough for older people on mobility scooters
3. Would like a café specifically for older people in Fleet town centre (similar to the Age Concern café in Camberley)
4. The group felt that people should look out for their elderly neighbours more. Neighbourhood Watch could become involved in this.