





have any written legislation that says we have to remove drunks from the arcade and we have no power over people drinking outside our premises, so with all the street drinking we have a continuous problem of having to check people's breath or watch how they walk and move to know if they're safe to be on the premises. We have records of staff and customer interactions which should include staff talking to customers about their problems with gambling and self exclusions etc... but our records are usually full of customers being asked to leave because the staff feel unsafe, and I have records going back several years showing how the amount has increased year on year where as we used to see one or two and not really think about it enough to include in the records. This matter has been raised with both the PCC and the Gambling Commission.

To make matters worse there is the unspoken ghetto effect then has happened in Milfield in recent years, on a daily basis you will see the same faces of people wondering around with nothing to do, long before Covid and beyond, in the daytime whole families just standing on corners having their meeting despite social distancing restrictions. In the evening and by day you'll groups of males from various nationalities hanging around or doing business (and I don't mean trading stocks and shares either) Often you'll see young girls heading to the mini-mart for another pack of cigs/condoms before returning back to work on a street corner and several homeless people sleeping in the doorways which we didn't have before in Milfield. I know I paint a nasty, distasteful picture of Millfield but when the councillors and council employees have all gone home from their 9-5 it's what we still see and are left with.

I'm happy to discuss at length in detail any of these issues or if I had more time I could write this one better, I did rush it as I know you're waiting to get things off to the public consultation.

I've included a few pictures and a video taken over several different times.

Yours David Thomas.

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