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2019/1858/P		27/05/2019 14:40:53	SUPNOT	<p>My family and I have lived on St Crispins Close for over 30 years. Growing up on the street, I felt safe and able ride my bike or walk home in the evening without fear. However, in the past several years this has not been the case. Multiple arson attacks and frequent and increasing instances of anti-social behaviour in the close have instead turned our once neighbourly street into somewhere I no longer feel safe.</p> <p>St Crispins Close is a private road with no thru-way. The street is often quiet as there is no reason to access it save from residents, visitors and deliveries. This quiet nature fosters anti-social behaviour by providing unbridled accessibility to a space where non-residents loiter, drink, relieve themselves and participate in drug deals, without the fear of being interrupted by the police who do not patrol the area. All of this I have witnessed first hand. Owing to the pervasive intimidating criminal activity I now feel fearful walking back to my own house alone. I know this is because of the unrestricted access to our secluded street.</p> <p>The security lights have not been able to deter criminal activity, the latest arson incident took place within the last two months. Of all the problems our ungated close faces, I find this the most alarming. With the frequency at which fires are being started on the road I am particularly cognizant that the consequences will inevitably be fatal. A fire would rapidly spread along a row of houses.</p> <p>As a private road upkeep and safety features are entirely funded by the residents. As such, it is unfair that we must bear the life-threatening risks associated with the rise in criminal behavior on our doorsteps, without truly being able to implement meaningful precautions to protect the families that live here. I do not believe the residents of St Crispins Close should have to become resigned to continued escalation of intimidating criminal activity and arson.</p>
