

PIONEER AREAS

The 30 Pioneer Areas sit within 13 Local Criminal Justice Boards:

Board	Area
London (10)	Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Brent, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, Greenwich, Waltham Forest, Barking & Dagenham
Merseyside (2)	Liverpool, Knowsley
Gtr Manchester (3)	Manchester, Salford, Rochdale
Nottinghamshire (1)	Nottingham
Humberside (2)	Kingston upon Hull, NE Lincolnshire
Cleveland (1)	Middlesbrough
West Midlands (4)	Birmingham, Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Walsall
Lancashire (2)	Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen
Staffordshire (1)	Stoke-on-Trent
South Yorkshire (1)	Doncaster
Cheshire (1)	Halton
Leicestershire (1)	Leicester
South Wales (1)	Cardiff

Finding the consultation document

The Engaging Communities in Criminal Justice Green Paper (CM 7583), published on 29 April 2009, can be found at:

<http://consultations.cjsonline.gov.uk/>

HAVE YOUR SAY

You can take part in the consultation, which runs from: Wednesday, 29 April 2009 until Friday 31 July 2009.

How to respond

You can respond in three ways:

Online: <http://consultations.cisonline.gov.uk/?conid=1>

By email: EngagingCommunities@cjs.gsi.gov.uk

By post:

Engaging Communities in Criminal Justice
Consultation Responses
Race, Confidence & Justice Unit
Office for Criminal Justice Reform
Ground Floor (NW) Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF

Sources of Information and Help

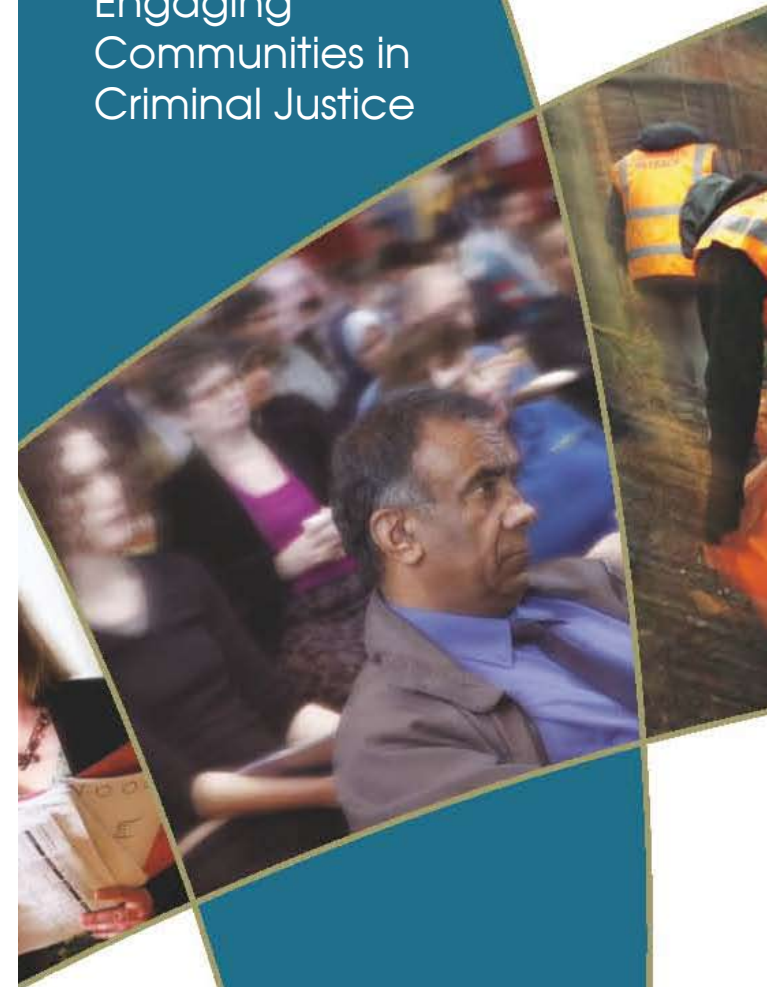
For general information about the Green Paper

Email: EngagingCommunities@cjs.gsi.gov.uk

Hard copies of the Green Paper can be purchased from The Stationery Office at:

TSO
PO Box 29
Norwich NR3 1GN
Email: customer.services@tso.co.uk
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A Short Guide to the CJS Green Paper: Engaging Communities in Criminal Justice



STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

The *Engaging Communities in Criminal Justice* Green Paper offers opportunities to improve the offer from criminal justice services to communities and to bring about real and positive change in the public's relationship with the CJS. The proposals should enable local people to:

- **Get more information** about justice outcomes in a format that suits them, linked to information on crime maps
- **Find out about outcomes of cases of particular local concern** on-line and in other ways
- **Have a say** in how recovered assets are used and how initiatives like Community Payback are run in their area
- **Feed their views into the heart of the justice system** through face-to-face meetings with Community Prosecutors, magistrates and neighbourhood policing teams and through Community Impact Statements
- **Benefit from problem-solving techniques** pioneered through Community Justice
- **Get feedback** on how their information has been used and what happened in the case;
- **Get involved**, through more joined up and effective engagement activities or by taking up one of the many volunteering opportunities with criminal justice organisations.

Summary of proposals

The proposals are centred on three areas:

- **Strengthening the connections between communities and their prosecution and court services**
- **Ensuring that justice outcomes are more responsive and more visible**
- **Keeping communities informed, getting people involved, empowering communities.**

The proposals for consultation include:

- Community Prosecutors working as part of the wider CJS teams to engage with communities and to ensure local priorities inform casework decision making and local CPS business priorities.
- Extending the use of Community Impact Statements.
- Extension of the powers to return offenders to court during their community order for a review of their progress ..
- Expanding the current community justice programme.
- District Judges (Magistrates' Courts) and volunteer magistrates to use problem-solving techniques and be required to engage with local communities.
- Involving local communities in the selection and/or deployment of District Judges (Magistrates' Courts).
- Increasing magistrates' representativeness of the local communities in which they sit.
- Giving local people more of a say in Community Payback Schemes and how assets recovered from criminal are used.
- More visible, intensive and more immediate Community Payback for offenders.
- Stepping up efforts to ensure court-ordered compensation for victims of crime is paid promptly and in full through compliance and enforcement measures .
 - Better information for the public - on-line and through other channels - on aggregate justice outcomes and on individual cases of particular concern .
 - Increasing volunteering in Criminal Justice Services.

Thirty Pioneer Areas

This is a consultation and the Government is interested in view from the public and staff but it plans to introduce a small package of the measures likely to be of most benefit to communities, in 30 areas across England and Wales, based on the Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Pioneer Areas, during 2009.

The package of measures will include:

- **Community Prosecutors:** Introducing a new approach which will see the prosecution working more closely and visibly with CJS partners and the public. Prosecution decisions will better reflect local concerns and priorities
- **Community Impact Statements:** compiled by the police and reflecting community concerns and local crime data, the statements will be used at key stages of the justice process by all CJS partners, giving the community a voice at the heart of the justice system.
- **Citizens Panels:** Giving communities a say in what Community Payback projects should be carried out locally.
- **Virtual Community Justice Teams:** building on the pioneering Community Justice initiatives, and where co-location of trained teams is not physically possible, testing the concept of dedicated, trained multi-agency teams who will come together on specified dates to apply the full range of problem-solving techniques to appropriate cases.