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Dear resident / business owner

Street Urination Operations

Crime and anti-social behaviour across Westminster is decreasing. However you told us that street urination is a cause of concern in your neighbourhood. Westminster City Council, the Heart of London and the police have been working together to tackle this issue.

Over three weekends in May, Westminster City Council Inspectors and the West End & Chinatown Safer Neighbourhood Police Team worked together in Leicester Square and southern Soho. Forty people were reported for urinating in the street and summoned to court.

Urination in a public place is contrary to the Byelaws for Good Rule and Government (No 2) of the City of Westminster made on 12 October 2001, under Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972. The fines issued can range from £50- £250.

In addition to the targeted operations, the Heart of London are funding the jet washing of specific doorways and entrances that suffer from excessive street urination and staining. This is in response to requests from businesses.

Your information helps us make sure problems are solved by the right people. If you would like to report anything or would like to help us further, you can contact the West End and Chinatown Safer Neighbourhoods police team on 020 7321 7726, the police non-emergency number on 0300 123 1212 or the Neighbourhood Crime Reduction Officer on 020 7641 2058. Rest assured that any information which you give will be strictly confidential and your personal details will not be revealed. In an emergency, or if you are in immediate danger, always call 999.

Yours faithfully



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