**GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES ONLINE TOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS TO FLAG UNSAFE AREAS TO POLICE**

* New online tool StreetSafe lets members of the public flag areas on a map where they don’t feel safe, regardless of whether a crime has taken place
* Data will be used to improve safety and introduce new measures, such as night-time patrols or installing better street lighting in the local community
* The tool forms part of the Government’s whole system approach to tackling violence against women and girls

A pilot for a new online tool to allow people to flag places where they have felt unsafe has been launched today (Thursday 2 September) by the Government with support from the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC).

Hosted on the national policing website police.uk and aimed primarily at women and girls, the tool, named StreetSafe, will enable members of the public to anonymously drop a pin onto a map and describe factors that cause them concern, including behavioural or environmental reasons why they felt unsafe.

These could range from a poorly-lit walkway to instances of public harassment and will mean concerns can be raised with police, whether or not a crime has been committed.

The information will be used alongside other key data by policing, in partnership with stakeholders, to deliver improved wellbeing and safety for communities.

Changes and improvements could range from installing CCTV and street lighting across a park or common, to introducing night-time patrols led by officers or members of the local community, such as Neighbourhood Watch groups.

The pilot, which will run for three months, forms just one part of the Government’s whole system approach to tackling violence against women and girls.

[Visit the StreetSafe tool](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.police.uk%2Fstreetsafe&data=04%7C01%7CAngela.Clarke1%40liverpool.gov.uk%7Ca6568552770e4e6281ae08d96dfa7391%7C270f62b38ca44d638a80ffcb1f61fe04%7C1%7C0%7C637661744853257110%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0&sdata=FLDv3aQnY3l79MjnQJmkLZOXO72H0d8Hh5S59%2FgbUco%3D&reserved=0)