

PM Supports Police Cashpoint Initiative 13-May-09

But the pilot came in for criticism from the Conservatives who said, 'It's troubling to think the government view this as achievable for police officers across the country'...

Gordon Brown yesterday urged police across England and Wales to offer to walk the last mile home with people who feel unsafe after they visit the cash point.

He floated the idea, pioneered by the Wanstead neighbourhood police team in east London, when he delivered **his first major speech about crime** at Chelsea FC's conference centre today.

While Tony Blair faced ridicule for threatening **to march young thugs to the cashpoint** to pay their fines, Brown was criticised for assuming that the police have the time to escort people home from the bank.

The PPP comments.... In many areas of the country people won't get a police response if they are being threatened in their own homes and there are millions of cash points in use night and day. The man has lost the plot and he must have caught the malaise from Blair.