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1. of globalisation and a changing world.

In reality, what **IS** happening

IS

simply

another facet

Fixed communities go.

The nuclear family changes.

Mass migration **IS**

on
the march.

Prosperity means people have something worth stealing.

Drugs mean more people are prepared to steal.

Organised crime (& Phillip Morris) trafficks in drugs [and]

people make money.

violence accompanies

IT.

But here's the rub.

Without summary powers to attack

IT won't be beaten.

That's reality.

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2. And the proof **IS** that

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IS that

until

we started -

IT wasn't beaten.

in real every day street life

IT

can't be tackled
without such powers.

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3. even if they don't

even

if they don't commit such an act
or they don't succeed in doing so,

the time,
energy,
effort,
resource

in monitoring them puts
a myriad of other essential task at risk
and therefore the rights of the wider society

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4. These questions are fundamental, difficult and immensely controversial.

Unsurprisingly, there is a strong desire to escape

their fundamental nature

taking refuge in simple explanations

and remedies.

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5. The introduction of the Sentencing Guidelines Council has brought greater consistency.

The Criminal Justice Act 2003 does allow indeterminate sentences for violent and sexual offences.

Prison sentences are longer.

More people are in prison.

Prison places have expanded and are due to expand still further.

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6. it is the culture of political and legal decision-making that has to change

a complete change of mindset,
an avowed, articulated determination
to make protection of the law-abiding
public the priority
to measure that not by the theory
but by the reality
of the street and community
in which real people
live real lives.

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7. If an offender has a drug problem, or a mental health problem, and most do,

sentencing him for the *offence* will only do temporary good if the *offending behaviour* is not dealt with.

Those arrested are now tested for drugs.

Drug treatment is being rapidly expanded, in some places doubled or tripled.

But the truth is

each **suspect** and then *offender* should be tracked throughout the system,

given not just a sentence but an appropriate process

for sorting *their life* out;

and if they don't,

be followed up,

brought back to court.

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8. The "hardest to reach" families

are often the ones we need to reach most.

People know what it's like (?)

to live on the same estate (?)

as the *family* from hell (?).

Imagine what it's like

to be brought up

in one.

We need far earlier intervention

with *families* who are

socially excluded

and

socially dysfunctional.

before they offend;

and certainly

before they want

such intervention.

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But in truth,

we can identify such *families*

virtually

as *their children* are born.

On the basis of my experience(?),

the normal processes

and the programmes of help

we have rightly introduced,

won't do it.

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9. We won't achieve this by nostalgia by hankering after the past. It's gone.

We will do **IT**

by recognising the reality

of the *modern* world

and

the *modern* forces

attacking peace of mind.

Such is the changing nature of that world

and the ferocity of those forces,

we need to adjust,

to ***reclaim the system***

and thereby the street.

That means re-assessing

what

respect

means

today.

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This is simply a reasonable

rational

response

to a problem of

modernity

and

liberty.

Such a solution will not happen

without a radical change

in political and legal culture.