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MP acts on security fears

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SAFETY issues at Lynwood Village Shopping Centre have prompted Swan MP Steve Irons to call for more security at the site.

Mr Irons said residents and businesses had alerted him to anti-social behaviour and hooning at and around the shopping centre in recent months.

He said business owners and staff had been verbally abused in the car park during the day.

"After hours the problems intensify. Residents in nearby streets have said that the car park becomes a local base for anti-social behaviour," he said.

"The result is hooning in nearby streets, graffiti, including covering

the walls of the convenience store, smashed bottles in the car park and general disturbances.

"Residents are telling me it has become a no-go area after dark."

Mr Irons said a bigger security presence at the centre was needed to alleviate fears of residents and

business owners.

But the centre's manager Guy Tristram said he had not received any requests for security staff or better lighting at the site.

"I haven't had any complaints from tenants," he said.

"Normally I get complaints from the public about issues like this, but the last complaint I had was a month ago about disabled parking."

Mr Tristram said the centre had previously employed security guards and installed cameras to monitor the area.

"When we have installed security cameras they have been stolen and there hasn't been a need for security guards in the past three or four months," he said.

Canning Vale Police Senior Sergeant Glenn Spencer said police had only received four reports about thefts at the centre, but acknowledged there could be perceived fear.

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to the Lynwood shopping centre," he said.

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