

Paul - Changes good and bad

Where we are, it is multicultural. Languages! You can walk down the street and not understand a word, which never used to happen. You might have had an accent, you might have heard an Irish accent, you might have heard somebody from Liverpool or Birmingham or whatever. Now basically, any Eastern European country, or African country, is probably on our doorstep. Some of the local schools have got up to 40 different backgrounds within their students, which probably makes it very difficult for them to teach.

I think you notice it walking through the streets. It is always interesting, I think, when you see the different shops appearing, apart from the fact you cannot read the signs above them. But you notice the subtle differences between what they sell, the foods that they sell, and the way they display it, and the way it is kind of all crammed in. And they have replaced the corner shops. The other thing, obviously, is that there seems to be barber shops on every single corner, of every single street.