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Our Ref: [REDACTED]

21 May 2019

David Jamieson, Police & Crime Commissioner  
Cllr John Cotton  
21st May 2019

Dear David and John,  
City Centre PSPO

Further to our conversations over the last month, I write to thank you for listening to the concerns raised by myself and many others and for agreeing the comprehensive overhaul to the proposed PSPO for the city centre to ensure our city's homeless community are never criminalised by the new provisions - and that the city centre is safe space for our homeless, and a gateway to nurture, shelter and support.

As you know, I oppose both the Vagrancy Act and any measure to criminalise our city's homeless community.

The city centre is a shared space we own in common. It must therefore be a safe space for all our citizens. My experience with the 'Reclaim The Night' campaign initiated by the GMB and Birmingham University Guild Of Students, and Birmingham's LGBT+ community underlines that many do not feel safe in our city. Change is therefore needed.

But, my research and interviews with our city's homeless neighbours also show that almost all our homeless community have witnessed or experienced violence - often extreme violence. The city centre, therefore, must be a safe space for our city's homeless people and a gateway for accessing help and support.

The proposed Care Condordat is a positive step, but needs to be backed up by strong services, including housing, mental health support and addiction treatment. I know that 22 PSPOs have been agreed by councillors across the city. I look forward to seeing these amended proposals and most importantly understanding how support services will underpin the approach.

Without this backing I'd be unable to support this PSPO.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Liam Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**THE RT HON LIAM BYRNE MP**  
**Birmingham Hodge Hill**

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Our reference: [redacted]

Liam Byrne MP  
House of Commons,  
London,  
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25 July 2019

Dear

Liam,

I have received a letter from one of my constituents [redacted] regarding [redacted] receiving a letter from the Home Office stating that [redacted] must leave the UK after living here for 18 years. As you will understand this is incredibly distressing for the family.

I have enclosed the letters that he has sent to me. I have also informed him that I have forwarded this to you as you will be able to assist him with this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Jamieson', written over a horizontal line.

David Jamieson  
Police and Crime Commissioner

Best wishes

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Our reference:

Rt Hon Liam Byrne MP

16 March 2018

**Re: Proposed changes to police office accommodation in Shard End.**

Dear *Liam,*

Thank you for contacting me in regards to concerns raised by our mutual constituents in Shard End. I would be very happy to discuss our Estates Strategy in greater detail with yourself and your constituents

You will be aware that West Midlands Police has lost £145 million and 2,000 police officers since 2010 and needs an additional £22 million just to stand still. The council tax rise that the government expected Police and Crime Commissioners to initiate raises £9.5 million, meaning West Midlands Police is still losing £12.5 million of spending power.

West Midlands Police is facing a real terms cut and is therefore looking how to create efficiencies by considering new ways of working to maintain the current level of service and prevent further reductions in officer numbers.

This has left the Chief Constable with difficult decisions to make, including proposals on police buildings. These decision have become necessary as a result of seven years of real terms budget cuts. The WM police force is having to choose between protecting officer numbers or retaining police buildings, many of which are not being used at capacity, and are costing tax payers large amounts of money to keep open. The proposed closure of a number of police buildings will save £5 million, which is the equivalent of 100 police officers. The choice to me, seems very clear.

The running costs of Shard End amount to £38,397

Those areas which see changes will not be losing their police presence. Patrol patterns will remain unchanged and indeed officers may actually spend more time on the streets with the advent of mobile technology. The need to return to the police office to input data is removed and can now be done on the move from a mobile device.

In line with government policy on blue light and public sector collaboration, it is my ambition to ensure there is a proper police presence in the area, saving resources by working together with other providers of public services. Sharing facilities will reduce running costs and increase efficiency. Such a structure is already working very successfully in Walsall. Relevant council officers and the police work side by side and are able to deal with issues of mutual importance in an effective manner. There are of course more discreet areas for confidential police operations. I would welcome your support in working together to ensure that we are able to get the best possible outcome for the people of Shard End, and the West Midlands.

Yours sincerely,

David Jamieson  
**West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**

Cc. Chief Constable Dave Thompson QPM  
Councillor Ian Ward- Leader of Birmingham City Council



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Our Ref:

12 March 2018

Dear David

**Proposed Closure of Shard End Police Base**

I met concerned residents in Shard End on Friday night, together with Cllr Ian Ward to discuss the proposed closure of Shard End police base.

There was a great deal of concern.

In particular, residents felt that the base was part of the fabric of our community, a way in which the police asserted their presence in our community life, providing both reassurance, deterrence, and an exemplar to children. The station is also the saluting base for the annual Remembrance parade.

Residents' priorities were four-fold:

1. To provide a walk-in facility for reporting crime, in a way that protected anonymity and confidentiality.
2. To provide resilience, and local flexibility in East Birmingham for response.
3. To protect the Domestic Violence reporting suite that has been created at the station. We know that tackling domestic violence is a very high priority for our police, and we know that the chief constable's strategy for preventing crime in years to come, targeting adverse childhood experiences, requires a sharp focus on tackling domestic violence. We are anxious therefore to protect services that help deliver this mission.
4. To protect the roll-forward of policing services, when we have a Government that is prepared to properly fund the police once more, and is once again committed to police services that advance forward



There was a high level of scepticism that the extra police it is proposed we recruit would serve our area - and an awareness that these police are vulnerable to future funding cuts.

Given these objectives, I would be very grateful if you could provide me with the cost-benefit analysis of closing this police base.

There is strong local interest in a meeting with you to discuss this analysis.

I look forward to hearing from you. I am copying this letter to the Chief Constable and the Leader of Birmingham City Council.

Yours sincerely,

**THE RT HON LIAM BYRNE MP**  
**Birmingham Hodge Hill**

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