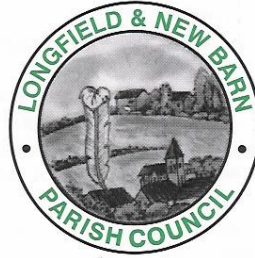


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Dear Chief Inspector Cheeseman,

I write as a Borough Councillor for this ward (Longfield, New Barn and Southfleet) and the Chairman of the Longfield and New Barn Parish Council and feel obliged to contact you to share our concerns and that of the general public in our ward regarding the current level of Police Support in the area.

I am sure we are not alone but we seem to be observing a noticeable increase on the low-level crime and anti-social behaviour locally. These issues include drug activity, shoplifting, motorcycle disturbances, graffiti, misuse of catapults and vehicle theft.

These matters seem to be becoming a growing concern of our residents and it would be remiss of me to not formally register our concerns with you.

Over recent months, we seem to be receiving more and more frequent feedback about the limited visibility of our local PC and while we always encourage residents to report issues, many are feeling disheartened to the point that they often do not.

In the recent past, we were supported by two very able and approachable PCSO's but their removal has been noticed by our residents.

Please understand that this letter is not written as a reflection of any individual officers - present or past - but a concern about the impact of recent structural changes.

I trust it is in order to bring this to your attention and we would appreciate your thoughts on how support and engagement might be strengthened going forward.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Steve Brown

Chairman Longfield and New Barn Parish Council