



EASTBOURNE CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

“Making Eastbourne Even Safer”

Dear Stakeholders,

Over the next few weeks, staff and neighbourhood officers will be out on the streets carrying out a short survey, as part of their everyday street briefings, with members of the public to ask how they would like to contact Sussex Police in the future.

Many of the processes and buildings currently used by the Force were introduced decades ago and may no longer be the most practical or efficient way of doing things. Through this consultation, Sussex Police is looking to find new ways to provide policing that is in tune with the modern world, while helping to meet the national financial challenge. It will help to provide alternative, convenient contact locations in the heart of communities and will also look at what people would like to be able to do online or using their mobile phones.

You can also log onto our website at www.sussex.police.uk to fill out our survey. I would appreciate your help in drawing attention to the online survey. Please complete it yourself to ensure your views are captured by the consultation team and do reply to me with any general feedback or if you have specific questions.

As you know, to help make around £52m of savings by 2015, the Force is looking at reducing the operating hours of some police station front counters, making some open by appointment only and looking at closing some of the larger, costly police buildings so that we can protect and improve our presence in communities. If we do decide to close a police station after putting other contact locations in place, this will not result in a lower level of service for that area. For example, officers do not respond to 999 calls from police stations - they are out on patrol across Sussex - and arrested people are already taken to specialised custody centres, not to local stations.

Plans are still at an early stage and no final decisions have been made about any building, but some discussions with partners about alternative provisions are currently taking place which you may be involved in.

If we do decide to close a building, then we will not do so without making sure that the local community has something else in its place that is as good or better than that provided by the police station.

Please be assured that although changes are being made to current provisions, our top priority remains to deliver excellent policing to Sussex.

Kind regards

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