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Thursday 14th July 2011

Dear Chief Constable,

I wrote to you a few weeks ago and I am grateful for the swift acknowledgement from your office and reply from ACC Paul Scarrott. I also wrote to Cllr Jon Collins on the same subject, which follows a complaint to me from Kimberley Town Councillor Steve Brunt that there has been no consultation with the elected representatives in Kimberley about the future of the police station and that a decision appears to have been made to close it.

Jon Collins has been good enough to explain the procedure in his letter, a copy of which I enclose.

With great respect to ACC Scarrott, he appears to have misunderstood my complaint which is that a decision appears to have been made already and without any consultation with the residents of Kimberley.

In a recent newspaper article, Sgt Andy Browning confirmed a room in Sainsbury's in Kimberley was being made ready. This rather indicates a decision has been made.

You can imagine the reaction from Kimberley Town Council when they learnt of these plans from a worker at Sainsbury's, because they had expected they would be consulted before any decision was made.

As I am sure you appreciate this is a serious matter. It is not about the rights or wrongs of closing police stations. It is about making sure decisions are made in accordance with the determined procedure so that people are properly consulted with.

I would be most grateful if you could confirm that a decision has not been made and that the proper procedure as outlined by Jon Collins will be followed.

I think it might also be helpful if we could establish who is conducting the review. Jon Collins in his letter has said he has asked ACO Margaret Monkton to contact Cllr Brunt and I would be grateful if that could be done as a matter of some urgency. However, ACC Scarrott suggests I speak to Chief Inspector Kerry McLernon for "reassurance".

Anna Soubry, Member of Parliament for Broxtowe



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What I seek please is an assurance that decisions have not been made about the future of Kimberley Police Station and that those conducting the review will work with the elected representatives of the people of Kimberley and indeed other areas covered by the police station in the town.

Yours sincerely

Anna Soubry MP

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