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Dear Jon,

Thank you for your reply.

You state a review of all police stations and front counter services is underway throughout Nottinghamshire, and that when that review has been completed and the Authority has considered recommendations, "local partners and residents" will be consulted with. Unfortunately it appears the procedure is not being followed and that decisions are being made without any consultation with the local community.

I enclose a copy of a report on the Eastwood and Kimberley Advertiser web site (posted on June 12th) about the future of Kimberley Police Station. Cllr. Brunt alleged the police station was indeed to close and arrangements were already being made for officers to work from a room in Sainsbury's.

Sgt. Browning was quoted as follows; "It is still up in the air. I can confirm that there's a room being prepared but it has to go through the Police Authority for the final go ahead."

I am told in no uncertain terms that a decision has already been taken by Nottinghamshire Police to close Kimberley Police Station.

I am sure you and your fellow members of the Police Authority will share my concern that decisions are allegedly being taken and implemented before they have been considered by Nottinghamshire Police Authority. I am sure you will be as concerned as I am that residents and their elected representatives have been excluded from the decision-making process and that the procedure for taking these important decisions appears to have been ignored by Nottinghamshire Police.

I should add any change to the current police station in Kimberley also affects my constituents in Awsworth, Cossall, Watnall and Nuthall and they too must be fully consulted with.

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I enclose a further letter I have sent to the Chief Constable which I hope is self-explanatory.

Yours sincerely

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c.c. Members of Nottinghamshire Police Authority (see copy circulation list)

