



27th July 2022

Mr F Akinbusoye
Police and Crime Commissioner
Bedfordshire Police Headquarters
Woburn Road
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Bedford
MK43 9AX

Dear Commissioner,

Increase in Anti-social behaviour, threats and intimidation – Leighton-Linslade Parish

At its meeting held Monday 11th July 2022, the Community Safety Sub-Committee requested that I write to you in respects of the above matter. Residents have lobbied Councillors on the grounds that there has been an unacceptable increase in anti-social behaviour to property together with an unacceptable increase in threats and intimidation to persons.

In terms of anti-social behaviour, the following is an example where a 1,400kg concrete table tennis table was upended together with a typical example of graffiti which is becoming more and more prevalent.



In terms of threats and intimidation to persons, two volunteers who run a charity shop face daily abuse which is completely unacceptable. Sadly given their limited powers, the PCSOs who do attend are clearly not providing the level of deterrent sufficient to stop these individuals continuing with their behaviour.

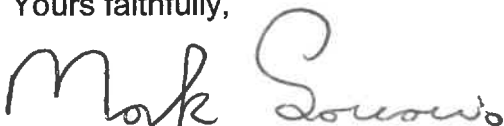
For these reasons, my Council seeks:

- i) An immediate strengthened police presence in the town
- ii) Provide local police commanders with an increase in uniformed police officers, up to the previously promised level of ten permanently assigned officers
- iii) Pursue a strategy of proper public accountability for juvenile offenders, to reassure the public and local businesses that Leighton Buzzard is adequately policed.

Can I please however state that the community policing team continue to provide an excellent service with the current Operation Pentagon reaping rewards. Despite this, my Council remains concerned that the limited police resources are not going far enough to address an ever increasing number of individuals intent on causing havoc and misery with our community.

I look forward to receiving your views on the above matters.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Saccoccio

Town Clerk

c.c. Chief Constable – Garry Forsythe