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Dear Cllr Cuddington,

Thank you for your email sharing your concerns regarding police presence in Hilton. It was good to meet you last year to discuss your concerns and to explain what I am doing to deliver on my Police and Crime Plan.

As you know, strong local policing is an integral part of my Police and Crime Plan, and I believe that strengthening the force through recruiting more officers, increase training, providing the right equipment and tools to our officers and also improving engagement and communication with local communities, will help tackle crimes that matter most to the public and help keep law abiding citizens safe. Residents want to see more officers delivering strong local and neighbourhood policing.

You can view my Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025 on my website or by using the following link: [Police and Crime Plan | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk)

My Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan for 2022-24 Scrutiny Meeting has now been published on my website which sets out all the work I have been doing on behalf of residents, including with the force to deliver on my key priorities including on Strong Local Policing. You can see the Annual Report in full, here: [Performance Scrutiny Meeting reviewing the Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan \(12 March 2024\) | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk)

In terms of operational tasks, there are limits on the extent to which I can intervene as I am precluded by legislation - Policing Protocol Order (2011) - from becoming involved in operational policing matters which fall within the remit of the Chief Constable. Therefore, this prevents me from instructing the police to set activities within specific areas, but I am keen to make sure that residents' concerns are discussed with the force so that they can be addressed.

On receipt of your email, I contacted the force for an operational perspective on the concerns you have raised. Inspector Michael Sisman from your local policing team, has assured me that the Police Base at Hilton remains an active station for both Response Officers and local policing team officers. I have further been assured that the local policing team for Hilton and the 'northern area' of South Derbyshire operates as a team and will be visible and will address problems throughout the area.

Your local policing team is Etwall, Hatton and Hilton and you can contact them directly by using the following link: [Etwall, Hatton and Hilton | Your area | Derbyshire Constabulary | Derbyshire Constabulary](https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk)

I would conclude by reiterating how important it is that any incidents should be reported directly to Derbyshire Constabulary by visiting the Constabulary's website at [Home | Derbyshire Constabulary](#) or by phoning the non-emergency 101 number, or, 999 in an emergency. This is important because it helps build local officers intelligence of where hotspots are and will direct their resources appropriately.

There is also Derbyshire Alert, which is the free community messaging system for the whole of Derbyshire. This acts as a useful tool for receiving news and appeals, local crime information, and prevention advice, as well as allowing feedback information to the local policing teams. The link for registering is [Derbyshire Alert :: Welcome to Derbyshire Alert](#)

I hope the above response has addressed your concerns and if there are any future issues that you would like to raise, do get back in touch.

Kindest regards,

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