

Response from Kensington Mansions Residents Association

Hello,

I am writing from Earls Court in K&C on behalf of the Kensington Mansions Residents Association to express our concern that the plan to change police coverage will harm the community. The plan to only have one named PC and one PCSO will reduce their effectiveness as having more and dedicated personnel allows them to get to know the neighbourhood and residents. We understand there will be a pool of PCSOs but they are unlikely to be as close to the community and aware of what is happening.

Earls Court has transitioned from a hostel dominated area to a family community with night-time social activity and neighbourhood policing is the best option for supporting residents. We would like to ask that an analysis be conducted to determine what police and crime arrangements would best suit the area, there are neighbourhood watch and policing committees who would be happy to liaise with the appropriate members of your staff.

If there is to be a curtailment of opening hours of the local stations like Kenway, residents need to be informed of who to contact and when. Each area of K&C has different needs and across-the-line cuts don't necessarily optimize scarce resources.

Thank you for your consideration,

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