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**Public access to police-Haringey**

Dear Stephen,

Following the MOPAC meeting in Haringey on 25 February, I am writing to you about the proposals to change the opening hours of police front counters in Haringey and in particular to reduce hours at Hornsey and Tottenham police stations.

Residents in Haringey are rightly concerned that proposals to reduce the opening hours at Hornsey and Tottenham police stations will have a negative impact on the local area. Following the riots that last thing Haringey needs is for the police to be less accessible to the public than before. In fact, the police and the Mayor should be doing more to foster good relations between the police and local community and encouraging better links between them.

Hornsey front counter is well used by the local community and provides an important service. We have surveyed local people about the proposals to reduce hours at Hornsey police counter and the proposals are strongly opposed by the vast majority of local people. Many of these people have unfortunately been victims of crime and used the station.

I know that my colleagues Cllrs Martin Newton and Gail Engert have also written to you about retaining a police counter in Muswell Hill. This is also a very important local resource that should be kept.

I hope you will consider the views of local residents, and Haringey Liberal Democrats and re-consider your proposals so that these important local services are retained.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Richard Wilson  
**Leader of the opposition**  
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