

Subject: RE: Message for Chief Inspector Sarah Pengelly from Longbarn Residents' Association, Warrington ~ [OFFICIAL]~

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your correspondence, my apologies for not responding earlier. I am aware of the issues raised regarding the parking of vehicles on Harpers Road and associated side roads as a result of overspill parking from employees at The Olympic Park development.

I have appointed Sgt Ruth Atherton, who has joined my department this month taking over as Warrington North sergeant, to oversee the police response. Sgt Atherton will progress any required policing activity in this area and engage with relevant stakeholders including Longford Residents Association, Warrington Borough Council, the National Crime Agency and the Constabulary Roads Support Team and make a full assessment of the situation and problem solving required.

I am aware that Warrington Borough Council has offered to impose waiting restrictions along Harpers road to maintain visibility and accessibility along the length of this road, which can be subject of council enforcement. I am supportive of this and, whilst the enforcement of those contravening parking restrictions will be a matter for the Local Authority, my officers will support promoting the restrictions to local business and engage with the enforcement team when situations occur where there is a need to deploy an enforcement officer to address vehicles contravening restrictions.

I have briefed Sgt Atherton that I would like regular patrolling of the area and officers will, where necessary, undertake enforcement action against individuals responsible for any vehicles parked in such a manner as to obstruct the highway / cause danger to other road users.

I appreciate that you are also seeking Access Only on the side roads off Harpers Road as a measure to prevent parking at these locations. The enforcement of contravention of Access Only is by police as opposed the Local Authority. The deployment and use of police resources clearly is always a consideration due to the many demands and responsibilities placed on the Local Policing Unit and my initial view is that I am not supportive of the implementation of Access Only restrictions on side roads.

I am aware that these side roads are not through roads impacted by heavy traffic flow and I have not been made aware of reports of repeat demand in respect of injury road traffic collisions or reports of obstructions of the highway. I appreciate that the Longbarn Residents Association are supportive of working with the police to reduce offending should Access Only be an outcome in the future but, as stated, at the current time I am not supportive of such. I welcome this intent to work closely with the police on the issues affecting the community and I would like to reassure you that the concerns raised by Longbarn Residents Association are not being treated lightly by my beat management team.

As stated I have appointed Sgt Atherton who will meet with all concerned parties to fully understand the situation, including ensuring an survey is conducted of all local residents, resident in the affected locations, is carried out and a review of all reported incident and accident data. Sgt Atherton will work in partnership with stakeholders to problem solve the parking problems in a way that leads to sustainable and effective reductions of the parking problems without creating a significant demand on policing.

I will be fully briefed by Sgt Atherton in due course on all her enquiries and findings relating to the issues and will be happy to discuss issues with you at such time.

Regards,
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