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Dear Mr. Roberts,

**Re: Proposed Re-organisation of PCSOs across Cheshire**

Kingsmead Parish Council wishes to express its strong concern regarding the proposal to reduce the number of PCSOs within Cheshire from 87 to 27, with existing officers required to re-apply for a smaller pool of positions. Such a significant reduction, and the resulting amalgamation of policing areas, would have a profound impact on the Kingsmead community and on the effective, preventative policing model that is currently in place.

In Kingsmead, our local PCSO, Lee Robertson, plays an integral and highly valued role within the community. He has established strong working relationships with the Parish Council, local schools and residents, and he is consistently visible, approachable and proactive in addressing issues. His community engagement has built considerable trust and confidence among our residents, and he is widely respected across the area.

His work with the Mini-Police initiative within our parish has been particularly outstanding. This programme has not only enriched the lives of local young people but has achieved significant recognition beyond Kingsmead—being nominated for a National Crimebeat Award earlier this year and then winning The Richard Walduck Award. Lee himself was awarded PCSO of the Year, reflecting the exceptional dedication and skill he brings to his role. The noted success of the Mini-Police scheme has set an example to others and as a result the initiative continues to grow, with increasing numbers of schools seeking to now participate directly as a result of the positive outcomes we have seen locally.

We are concerned that this level of engagement simply cannot be replicated under the proposed model. Our designated Police Officer is not currently embedded within the community in the same way; the Council has never met them, and they do not attend our meetings or community events. While this is not a criticism of the individual, it highlights a fundamental difference in roles and we recognise that Police Officers have different responsibilities and demands on their time. However, this does demonstrate the vital and complementary role PCSOs perform in building and sustaining meaningful connections with local residents.



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The removal of such a high number of PCSOs, to be replaced by a smaller group covering much wider areas, risks a potential disconnect between neighbourhood policing and the community it serves. The result would likely be reduced visibility, reduced intelligence gathering, and a loss of the preventative, relationship-based approach that Kingsmead benefits from today.

For these reasons, Kingsmead Parish Council urges you to reconsider the scale of the proposed reductions and to take full account of the substantial value that PCSOs bring to local areas. Their presence is central to community reassurance, early intervention, and collaborative working—all of which would be undermined should these plans proceed as currently outlined.

We also understand that, as part of the restructuring process, PCSO Lee Robertson may submit a proposal for the continuation of the Mini-Police programme. Kingsmead Parish Council strongly supports this and urges that the initiative be retained. The benefits of the programme are significant and wide-ranging: it fosters positive youth engagement, enhances community safety, builds respect for policing, and encourages young people to support local initiatives. It also contributes meaningfully to the personal development of participants, instilling confidence, responsibility, and a sense of civic pride. The loss of such a valuable programme would be deeply felt within our community.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns. We would welcome further dialogue on this matter and would appreciate a response at your earliest opportunity. We are also happy to provide additional information about the impact PCSO Robertson has had within Kingsmead.

Yours Faithfully

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Clerk/RFO to Kingsmead Parish Council