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Dear

##### I am worried that the decision to remove all Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and the closure of 14 police stations and enquiry offices will leave the people of Norfolk at increased risk of becoming the victims of crime. It will also mean already stretched officers and staff becoming overburdened with extra work.

The decision to sack 150 PCSOs will make Norfolk the only police service in the country to remove this backbone part of community policing.

I am particularly concerned that:

* This proposal goes against the government’s promise not to cut front-line policing and would remove the only visible police presence in our communities.
* The public will be unable to make enquiries or report local issues in person.
* There was no public consultation relating to the decision to remove this vital public service.
* The loss these staff and their over a thousand years of combined experience will inevitably impact on the ability for police to respond to public enquiries in the most efficient manner.
* The loss of the experience and local knowledge of these staff and the intelligence they gather will result in greater risks to the public

* The loss of 161 jobs will be a personal and financial tragedy for the families of those affected and will have a knock-on effect on the local economy
* Anti-social behaviour which has reduced since the introduction of PCSOs will unfortunately and undoubtedly increase.

These proposals bring into question the principle of policing by consent as the public will no longer have face to face contact with the police.

It is clear that these changes have come about not because of a need to spend public money more efficiently but as a direct result of government’s failure to properly fund our police service.

I hope you will raise my concerns with the home secretary and call on the chief constable to hold a proper consultation with residents before implementing these proposals.

Yours sincerely