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Dear Clare

Cumulative Impact Statement

Further to recent meetings in relation to the above, I am writing to confirm Reading Police Area's support in principle to this strategy.

Our reasoning for this is as follows. Whilst crime figures for assaults in the town centre have been decreasing over the last three years, this current year is showing increases of 19% in Wounding, 13% in Assaults with injuries and 8% in common assaults. This has a greater significance when you consider that there is a decreased foot fall in the current financial climate. Analysis of these assaults shows that there is a peak in serious violence at 0230 but violent crime itself is slightly more disparate and has 2 significant peaks at 0230 and 0330 hours. Both categories continue late into the night and often past 0500 hours. This has a serious impact on police resourcing which is already severely stretched at that time of night.

This strategy will allow us all to have more say in the licensing and late night economy in Reading town centre and to improve the perception of the area for the community.

I have spoken to Superintendent Kirk and he supports the views in this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KEITH STACEY", written over a diagonal line.

KEITH STACEY

Inspector 1171

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