

Grounds for urgency for the submissions of the below urgent motion:

This motion could not be submitted in time for the deadline for regular motions as the proposals mentioned within this motion became known to the public during the *Harrow Police Buildings Information evening* organised by the Borough commander on Tuesday 26th September.

Policing is an issue of great importance to Harrow residents and so this therefore needs to be addressed urgently. This cannot wait until the next full Council meeting as the consultation period for these proposals will be closed by then.

Urgent Motion:

Call for proper consultation on the closure of Harrow's Police Stations and Safer Neighbourhood team bases

Moved by: Councillor Paul Osborn

Seconded by: Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

This Council notes that:

- There has been a lack of proper consultation carried out by the Mayor of London and the Mayor's Office for Police and Crime (MOPAC) for the Mayor of London's proposals to close and sell two of Harrow's police stations and close all of Harrow's Safer Neighbourhood team bases. The closure plans appear to have been agreed in principle by the Mayor even before public consultation started.
- Closure of stations and team bases will mean that officers will spend more time travelling to and from their beat, reducing police presence just as violent crime is on the rise in Harrow.
- Policing is an extremely important issue for the residents of Harrow and increasingly so, with a significant rise in knife crime and other violent crime, reinforcing our residents' justified fear of crime.

This Council believes that:

- Any decision on how to provide policing for Harrow should be taken seriously, with full public consultation, to ensure our Borough's policing needs are properly met.
- Harrow should be a place where everyone feels safe and that we should all endeavour to make it a safer place. The Mayor of London, in his role as our elected Police and Crime Commissioner, should be acting to improve policing, tackle crime and make Harrow safer; his closure plans will achieve the reverse.

This Council resolves to:

- Work more closely with the police and safer neighbourhood teams to ensure that residents feel safe and seek to keep Harrow's police stations and Safer Neighbourhood team bases open.
- Call on the Mayor of London to take his policing responsibilities and democratic responsibilities seriously and have a correct and proper consultation on his proposals to close and sell two of Harrow's police stations and close all of Harrow's Safer Neighbourhood team bases.