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Mr David Jamieson
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Colmore Circus Queensway
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

26 February 2018

Dear Mr Jamieson

RE: Closure of West Midlands Police Stations

We write with grave concerns about your unnecessary decision to propose the closure of a number of police stations across the West Midlands.

Your decision to close stations is short-sighted and unnecessary when considering the spending priorities you have chosen instead of investing in front-line services:

- £33 million to renovate your own Lloyd House;
- £10 million increase in back office staff whilst reducing front line coverage;
- £100 million stashed in reserves;

MPs from across the parties have lobbied the Government hard in order to secure a better funding deal for West Midlands Police, who will see an increase in funding of £9.5 million as a result of our work.

Furthermore, we must take issue with the way you are carrying out your consultation, one is which a consultation in name only.

Your decision was announced but failed to provide contact details for the public to input their views and concerns. Other stakeholders are being given just 18 working days to be notified, see the full proposals and respond ahead of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board meeting on Tuesday 22 March which will, seemingly, rubber stamp your pre-determined decision.

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Residents across our Constituencies are rightly angry that their towns' police stations are proposed to be closed at a time when: the Government is providing Police and Crime Commissioners with powers to raise more money; a record financial settlement for West Midlands Police; and money still being directed to the wrong priorities by their Police and Crime Commissioner.

We ask you to reconsider your unnecessary decision; use your new powers – or substantial reserves – and protect our local police stations.

We look forward to hearing from you about this vitally important issue.

Yours sincerely

Julian Knight MP
Member of Parliament for Solihull

Rt. Hon. Andrew Mitchell MP
Member of Parliament for Sutton Coldfield

Margot James MP
Member of Parliament for Stourbridge

James Morris MP
Member of Parliament for Halesowen and Rowley Regis

Rt. Hon. Dame Caroline Spelman MP
Member of Parliament for Meriden

Wendy Morton MP
Member of Parliament for Aldridge-Brownhills