

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner of Surrey regarding the incidents in Nutfield Marsh. I apologise for the length of time it has taken me to respond to you. I have raised your concerns with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector and Traveller Liaison Officer and although they are sympathetic to the concerns you raise, they feel that the situation has improved and that the crimes you refer to have decreased significantly in recent times. Therefore, it is very important that if you or your colleagues on the Parish Council have evidence it is brought to the Surrey Police's attention as quickly as possible. With regard to the incident you mention on 23 June 2013, I can tell you that the Force did respond and the matter dealt with and the victims updated, although for Data Protection reasons I am unable to go in to specific details with you.

The Force note that were the Parish Council to buy the land there are currently no bye-laws in place to prevent the grazing of the horses on it. Having spoken to the Force it might interest you to know that the Tandridge District Council (TDC) Legal Department has already asked Surrey Police whether or not it would enforce any byelaws drawn up as TDC does not have the capacity or Officers to do it. The Force feels there are a number of issues around this arrangement, not least the potential of being seen to support a deal which could be perceived as 'ridding an area of a minority group'. Surrey Police is understandably a little uncomfortable with this as it currently does not have the problems reported to it which suggest that this action is necessary.

Moreover, following intervention by the Commissioner, I understand that the Force will be reviewing their response to these types of incidents, across the county, to identify and take action on any points of learning arising from them, which the Commissioner welcomes as an open and positive response. Mr Hurley is keen to reinforce that immediate and resolute – zero-tolerance – intervention by the authorities in the face of any anti-social or illegal act is exactly what the law-abiding public want to see and exactly what anti-social and criminal elements do not. This approach is central to the strategic direction of Surrey Police and he gives you his assurance that he will be working with the Chief Constable to ensure its successful implementation throughout his time in office.

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey.

Many thanks

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Dear Mr Hurley

I have attached a letter sent to you today by post from Nutfield Parish Councillors.
Your earliest response would be greatly appreciated

Kind regards

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