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Dear Sir,

Nutfield Marsh – Tandridge Division.

Dear Mr Hurley,

A recent plea was sent by the Parish Council to yourself, which was answered by a disappointing letter from Sam Meyer, your Policy Support Officer, in response to our previous letter of a month ago addressed to yourself. The Parish Council was saddened that you were unable to reply in person.

Had you read our letter, you would see that the central theme of the text has been completely ignored. Council asked why existing substantive legislation is not being enforced, despite daily offences being committed.

As we are sure you are aware, The Council is a statutory body and, as such, is the advocate for the Community. The Parish Council has been monitoring the history of anti-social behaviour particularly around Nutfield Marsh and the Police response. It is abundantly clear to the Council that the Police are failing to take the much needed action to curb anti-social behaviour in accordance with your zero tolerance policy. The anti-social behaviour is not only interfering with the rights of law abiding citizens to enjoy where they live, but in some cases it is actually putting them in fear for their safety. Whilst we can continue to report these daily occurrences to our local Community Support team, this leaves Parishioners open to the intimidation that has been a major feature since this problem arose almost three years ago – how many Parishioners cars must be burnt-out before this is recognised?

We are sorry to hear that Mr Meyer feels “uncomfortable... being seen to support a deal which could be perceived as ‘ridding an area of a minority group.’” As this ‘minority group’ offends, with impunity on a daily basis we would ask, on behalf of the tax-paying ‘majority’ of Nutfield, Tandridge and Surrey as a whole that you refer to your own stated commitments to your electorate. In case you have misplaced this, we reproduce this here:

“A relentless focus on those who blight our lives: anti-social louts, violent bullies,

“It is about making sure that the police – and partners – always do something about anti-social behaviour whenever they encounter it. It is about laying down a marker of what is – and what is not – acceptable behaviour in our society. Our public space belongs to you, not the selfish.”

It is particularly disappointing, given your newly elected promise of zero tolerance, that considering our public spaces belong to the Parish (we are already working closely with Tandridge DC to issue Bye-laws) and as you quite rightly put it – *they do not belong to the selfish*, we would therefore ask that you take this seemingly rhetoric statement to task and show us some action.

We do not wish to rid the area of any group, minority or otherwise – merely to live in a community un-blighted by louts –whoever they may be. Since this has been a major mission statement of your listed objectives, we look forward to hearing from you personally as to how you intend to achieve these statements as we continue to deliver the aims expected of us by our electorate.

May we recommend you call Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles M.P.?

Yours sincerely

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