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Dear Ms Elliot

Re: Abbey Police Office

Thank for your letter and accompanying petition dated 30 September 2013. I apologise for the delay in my reply.

The closure of some Safer Neighbourhood Team patrol bases when their leases expired was discussed as part of the consultation held on the Local Policing Model earlier in the year.

The decision to close Pincott Road SNT patrol base (Abbey Road Police Office) was taken by the Borough Commander as part of a review that rationalised the Metropolitan Police Service Estate. Savings made as a result of the rationalisation have ensured that police officer numbers are kept high and that neighbourhood policing in Merton is enhanced. This means that the number of Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers in Merton is increasing from 58 to 107.

With regard to the concerns about travelling time, I have been advised by the Borough Commander that travelling time to and from Abbey Ward is approximately 10 minutes at maximum and that the neighbourhood cycle and vehicle fleet has been increased.

The Borough Commander Detective Chief Superintendent Darren Williams has advised that he is happy to meet with the signatories of the petition to hear and answer specific concerns.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Greenhalgh
Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

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