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Dear Ms Linden,

I write to you in my position as the Member of Parliament for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. Having recently received further representations from local Resident Associations and many constituents across Uxbridge and South Ruislip and in light of the current MOPAC/MPS Estates Strategy review, I am writing to reaffirm my strong belief that Uxbridge Police Station remains best placed to serve the residents of Hillingdon and should therefore be fully retained, including the reopening of its 24-hour front counter.

I continue to believe that the current proposal to leave Hayes as the sole police station in the borough is not in the best interests of the local residents I represent. As I have set out previously, Hillingdon is the second largest borough in London and its geography and size should therefore be properly accounted for.

While I agree we need to make best use of our resources and have as many officers on the streets as possible, closing Uxbridge Police Station remains illogical for a number of reasons. It is a purpose-built station, with excellent transport links and close to the Magistrates' Court in comparison with Hayes which is difficult to access and has no public parking. I would also continue to question the suitability of Hayes Police Station to fully meet the current needs of residents. Hayes station, unlike Uxbridge, requires a substantial amount of refurbishment to remain fit for purpose – something the temporary closure in January 2020 demonstrated. In light of this, I would be grateful for an update on the current refurbishment programme for Hayes station.

I feel that the case I made back in October 2017 to retain Uxbridge Police Station, including its 24-hour front counter, remains as valid now as it did then and in many cases has been strengthened in light of the uplift in officers committed to and delivered by the Government (over 279 new probationary officers joined the West Area (Hillingdon/ Hounslow/Ealing) in 2020) and desire for the police to be more accessible in busy public places including town centres. You will be aware that there remains a large presence at Uxbridge Police Station with a number of local police teams already stationed out of there, including all the Hillingdon Emergency Response teams, Hillingdon Partnership Team and Safer Transport team - all taking advantage of the operational capacity the station is able to provide.

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You will also be aware of the new Uxbridge town centre team being set up in December 2021 which will also work out of the station given its ideal central location and accessibility.

In short, I continue to believe the decision to close and sell Uxbridge Police Station, as set out in the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and Metropolitan Police Service Public Access Strategy November 2017, is the wrong one and that the continued operation of Uxbridge Police Station remains imperative for the safety of the area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Boris Johnson'.

Boris Johnson MP