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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Resident

I am writing to you today following conversations I had with residents in Portlethen last week. Whilst speaking to people in the area I was alarmed to hear that one of the biggest concerns just now is the apparent increase in anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

It has been suggested that this could be partly as a result of the recent draw down of a local police presence, and partly due to the lack of facilities for young people, leaving them with little to do. As you may be aware I have campaigned vigorously against the plans to close Portlethen Police Station, and last year I conducted a small survey in the town that included asking if residents thought more was needed in terms of facilities for young people.

As a result of the recent feedback regarding anti-social behaviour I am intending to write to both Police Scotland and Aberdeenshire Council, this is such an important issue that I will also write to the Scottish Government dependent on the response I receive from the aforementioned. However, before I write and seek a meeting to discuss, I would appreciate any further information that I can use as examples to highlight the problem. Importantly I would also like your opinion on what could be done to help resolve the problem, for example do you believe that more facilities for young people would make a difference?

If you have further information or views on this I would appreciate it if you could let me know by either emailing me or writing back to me using the details at the bottom of this letter. This is an extremely concerning issue and I will endeavour to do what I can to assist in resolving it.

If there are any other issues that you would like to bring to my attention please do not hesitate to get in touch either by email andrew.bowie.mp@parliament.uk or by writing to the address on this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Bowie'.

Andrew Bowie MP

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