



# RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL

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To:

Lee Barron

Member of Parliament for Corby & East Northamptonshire

10 September 2024

Dear Lee

Thank you for your reply to my open letter dated 6 September. I appreciate your swift response and your recognition of the seriousness of the issues raised.

While it is reassuring to learn that you acted promptly at an earlier time on Friday to address the concerns brought to you directly by residents, arguably it would have been beneficial to have also kept the Town Council informed of your efforts. We too were approached directly by a number of residents who had concerns, and having a coordinated response with the Council involved from the outset would have strengthened the voice of support provided to the community.

Whilst I am encouraged by your confirmation that you will be meeting with the Chief Constable and liaising with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, I would appreciate further clarification on the immediate steps being taken to reassure the community. It would be helpful to know if there are plans for an increased police presence or if there is any support being offered to the victims of the recent incidents. While long-term partnership-building is certainly important, understanding how the community's immediate concerns are being addressed is equally vital.

I would also appreciate further clarification on whether the Town Council, as well as local residents, will have the opportunity to participate in these upcoming discussions or meetings, or if we will simply receive feedback on the outcomes. Ensuring the community has a seat at the table would go a long way in fostering trust and collaboration.

Lastly, I feel it is necessary to clarify one particular point raised in your response. You mentioned that my letter ignores the issue of policing cuts under the previous government. I wish to emphasise that this omission was not an oversight but a deliberate choice, rooted in the fact that my employment with the Council is politically restricted. My role is focused on representing the interests of the town of Raunds and working towards solutions, rather than engaging in political debate or assigning blame.



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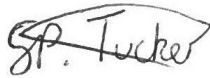


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Thank you once again for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to working together to overcome these concerns.

Yours sincerely,



*Steve Tucker  
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