

**Leicestershire
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Dear Ms Fisher,

You will already be aware that Leicestershire Constabulary has police officers and PCSOs based in a variety of partnership premises, including schools, libraries, community centres, retail/business premises and within local and parish council offices. In fact, officers work from more than 40 premises of this type across the Force area. These moves have been seen to be successful in bringing our services closer to local communities and we want to extend this method of working.

This is supported by the use of mobile data terminals and Blackberrys which now allow police officers and police community support officers to be mobile and work out of various locations, rather than traditionally working from a dedicated police station.

Following on from this, we are now undertaking a review of policing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and, coupled with some financial pressures we are facing in forthcoming years, we will be looking to make further changes in how the Force carries out its business as a whole.

Part of this review has included an examination of the Force's Estate, which has found that twelve of our buildings are no longer suitable for our needs, due to them now being in the wrong location to meet the demands of 21st Century policing and provide a suitable service to the public, and in some cases, being costly to maintain.

As a result, the Police Authority has agreed to dispose of the identified buildings and to replace them with alternative premises situated in the heart of communities - places which are frequented by the public every day.

The work to vacate and subsequently sell or terminate our lease agreements on these buildings is progressing and we wanted to take the opportunity to give you further information about the proposals before giving a briefing to the media later this month.

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Ms Christine Fisher,
Chief Executive,
North West Leicestershire District Council,
Council Offices,
Coalville,
Leicestershire.

The twelve buildings subject to disposal and subsequent replacement are:

- Anstey Neighbourhood Police Office – 16a Cropston Road, Anstey
- Ashby Neighbourhood Police Office – South Street, Ashby
- Blaby Police Station – 22/24 Leicester Road, Blaby
- Bottesford Neighbourhood Police Office - 22 Queen Street, Bottesford
- Burbage Neighbourhood Police Office – Lychgate Lane, Burbage
- Castle Donington Neighbourhood Police Office – 20 Borough Street, Castle Donington
- Earl Shilton Neighbourhood Police Office – 30/41 Peggs Close, Earl Shilton
- Kegworth Neighbourhood Police Station – 4 Derby Road, Kegworth
- Oadby Neighbourhood Police Office – 5 Leicester Road, Oadby
- Quorn Neighbourhood Police Office – 27a Leicester Road, Quorn
- Shepshed Neighbourhood Police Office – Charnwood Road, Shepshed
- Uppingham Neighbourhood Police Office – Leicester Road, Uppingham

Of these buildings, Blaby Police Station is the only station which has a front enquiry office which is regularly open to the public. Plans are in place for officers and staff from this station to relocate to Braunstone Police Station early in December, with neighbourhood officers being based within the Joint Services Shop in Blaby and at Countesthorpe College.

All other buildings are used by officers as a base from which they start and finish duty and on some occasions, hold local beat surgeries.

We must stress that this does not mean we will be withdrawing policing services from communities – quite the opposite – officers will be working from shared premises within local communities, striving to maintain and, where we can, improve our service.

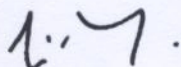
Whilst we cannot give a definite timescale for completion of this work, we must point out that no building will be disposed of before an alternative location is found and we are keen to hear any suggestions you may have about other premises which could be used to house local neighbourhood officers in the heart of communities.

Respective Local Policing Unit Commanders will be liaising with local stakeholders regarding the police building disposals in their respective areas.

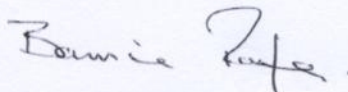
Should you wish to discuss any concerns which you may have as a result of this information, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant Chief Constable Steph Morgan on Leicester (0116) 222 2222 or via email to steph.morgan@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or Leicestershire Police Authority via email to police.authority@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

We will be happy to discuss any issues with you.

Yours sincerely,



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