



Detective Superintendent Emma Bond  
Acting Borough Commander, Lambeth and Southwark  
Metropolitan Police Service  
Brixton Police Station, 367 Brixton Road  
London SW9 7DD

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Dear Superintendent Bond,

**Crime in Myatt's Fields, Lambeth**

As local elected representatives for Myatt's Fields ward in Lambeth, we are writing to request increased support for our local officers in dealing with a recent increase in crime around the area.

We have been contacted by concerned constituents about a series of muggings, theft, harassment and anti-social behaviour in the past few months around the Myatt's North estate, the Cowley estate and on the streets circling Myatt's Fields Park. As you will appreciate, this has created significant anxiety in the community, especially as these incidents have been ongoing for some time.

We acknowledge and praise the response of our local police officers, particularly PC Christopher Hopwood and other officers attached to the local Safer Neighbourhood Panel (SNT). They have kept the local community up to date in a transparent and open manner, which has provided reassurance. A number of actions have been taken to complement this, including upping patrols, community outreach and weapons searches.

We are also aware that their hard work and diligence, as well as that of Lambeth Council officers attached to the community safety team, have borne results. From what we have been told, 8 suspects have been arrested for robbery, another known gang member has recently been apprehended and at least one property search warrant has been executed. This is incredibly welcome.

However, there is evidence that this increase in crime is a sustained pattern. We believe it merits further resources from the Metropolitan Police Force to tackle this ongoing problem before it escalates further. We would welcome your thoughts on this request, and extend an invite to you or a senior colleague to attend the next meeting of the Myatt's Field SNT where the issues raised will be discussed in depth. If you are amenable to coming, we will happily provide you with the details of the meeting.

We look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

**Florence Eshalomi, Member of Parliament for Vauxhall and Camberwell Green**  
**Cllr Annie Gallop, Myatt's Fields ward councillor**  
**Cllr Paul Gadsby, Myatt's Fields ward councillor**  
**Lucy Williams, Chair of Myatt's Fields ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel**  
**Mark Mitchell, Secretary of Myatt's Fields ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel**