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RE: Anti-social Behaviour in Chester City Centre

Dear Mr Dwyer

I am writing in relation to my previous letter dated 11th August 2022 asking for your support tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Chester City Centre. Thank you for acknowledging receipt of my letter however I am yet to receive further information on the operational police response you referenced.

Crime and anti-social behaviour continues to be the number one issue that businesses are raising with me. In the last week alone, I have sat in three meetings with members who have told me about aggressive begging outside stores putting off customers, shoplifters brazenly walking out of stores with suitcases full of goods and groups of youths intimidating visitors.

I have reiterated to businesses the need for them to report incidents so the police have the necessary intelligence. However, business tell me that it takes too long for a response via 101 and online reporting isn't suitable for frontline staff. This difficulty in reporting incidents has been raised multiple times over recent years but no alternative solution has been introduced.

On behalf of our 460 members, I am again asking for your help in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour by providing the necessary resources for a permanent, highly visible police presence in the city.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Critchlow'.

Carl Critchlow

Chief Executive Officer | Chester BID