

## Abi Williams

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**Subject:** Proposal to Address Antisocial and Criminal Activity at Stockbridge Meadows Nature Reserve Car Park

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally raise concerns about ongoing antisocial behaviour, drug-related, and theft-related activity occurring after dark at Stockbridge Meadows Nature Reserve Car Park. As a resident of Dolphin Lane for the past 11 years, I have witnessed and reported numerous incidents, including violent behaviour, suspected drug exchanges, and criminal activity. These have included a violent break-in, the theft of two of my vehicles, and repeated instances of suspicious activity on my property and that of my neighbours.

### Observations and Concerns

Drug-Related Activity:

- The car park appears to serve as a hub for drug dealing and exchange activities, both during the day and after hours.
- There is a frequent presence of vehicles pulling into the area late at night and in the early hours of the morning, exhibiting suspicious behaviour.

Car Crime and Break-Ins:

- There has been a noticeable increase in vehicle-related crime in the vicinity, including break-ins and thefts of cars, and car parts.
- I have personally reported four separate incidents of prowler-type behaviour, where individuals in vehicles appear to be scanning driveways for potential targets.

### Increased Risk of Violence:

The presence of criminal elements engaging in drug-related activities creates a heightened risk of other crimes. Residents report feeling less safe, particularly dog walkers after dark.

### Proposed Actions

To address these concerns and improve the safety of the community, I propose the following measures:

- Increased Police Patrols. The Village PCSO team are supportive.
- Targeted enforcement actions based on reported patterns of drug-related behaviour.
- Improved Lighting and Surveillance – Installation of motion-activated lighting to deter illicit activity after dark.
- Physical Deterrents – Installing a barrier or restricting access during night time hours to limit vehicle entry. If agreed upon by the officers of DOLPHIN PLACE MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED, this could be implemented at relatively low cost – I would be happy to contribute. The barrier could be a fold-down structure secured by a neighbourhood team, with opening and closing facilitated by residents or

wardens nearby. This measure would discourage the use of the car park as a staging post or gathering area.

In conclusion, Stockbridge Meadows Nature Reserve is a valued community space, and it is vital to ensure it remains safe for residents and visitors. By implementing proactive measures, we can significantly reduce the likelihood of criminal behaviour and foster a safer environment for all.

I appreciate your time in considering this proposal and look forward to discussing potential solutions. Please feel free to contact me to arrange a meeting or further conversation.

Kind regards

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