



**Brighton & Hove
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Brunswick and Adelaide Break ins

Dear Katie, Larissa and Nick

We have been horrified by the very recent spate of breaks in and attacks on shops in Brunswick and Adelaide. On Wednesday night it was the Farm Tavern, a public house on Farm Road, the afternoon before a cheese shop, La Cave A Fromage on Western Road. On Saturday City Books was broken into on Western Road and on 28th June the Little Fish Market on Upper Market Street. The break in at La Cave A fromage happened during the day and involved an altercation with staff. The owners of the Farm Tavern intercepted the criminals at 1:30AM on Thursday morning.

Our fear is that these break-ins are increasing in regularity and in severity. The more we have spoken to those affected by these crimes, the more we have become aware that the crimes appear to be part of an establishing pattern. We understand from the intelligence from residents and traders that other premises have been the subject of crime too- coffee shop Baked and restaurant Market have been targeted. This comes on the back of reports of numerous burglaries on Holland Road too. We appeal to you to help us stop these crimes where possible and set about making our community safer.

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What decisions and resources at both Sussex Police and the City Council are being pushed, or if necessary diverted, to support the community and businesses now? This is in order that confidence and safety return so that traders, residents and shoppers will have minimal disruption.

We are aware that the crime precept increased in February as part of the budget process with the Police and Crime and Commissioner's Office. In a question to full council yesterday, we raised the issue and understand that the precept increase would see the recruitment of 100 more Police Community Support Officers, 50 More Police Officers and 50 more specialist staff. Since that decision was made 5 months ago can we ask for an update on this and of those recruited how many will be available for Brunswick and Adelaide?

What can the city council do to bring the affected community together? We have routine meetings of the Local Action Team and are proactive in outreach in the community but this issue is potentially greater than existing structures.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your ongoing commitment to a safer community.

Yours sincerely



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