



An open letter

from

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Dear Residents,

I hope you have all kept safe and well since I last wrote to you.

In my last letter I outlined to you my vision for policing across Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood and how I would like to see things moving forward.

Progress is now starting to be made and I want to explain to you changes that will be taking place over the next few months.

First and foremost, my overarching aim is to ensure the division has the right command and geographical structure to enable us to deliver a bespoke policing service to all those who not only live here but also those that visit the area.

As a command team we have decided that the most effective way of achieving this is for two Local Area Command (LAC) areas to be created on the division. These will be Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood.

This will make us co-terminus with the two local authorities; Bassetlaw District Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Merging the existing four LACs into two means that the size of each area will be much bigger.

This is why I have decided that a Chief Inspector, rather than an Inspector, should now head each LAC.

These Chief Inspectors have not yet been selected and I will let you know who they will be as soon as I can.

Each Chief Inspector will be based on their respective LACs, one at Newark Police Station and one at Worksop Police Station.

They will each have an Inspector as deputy to provide assistance as second in command of the LAC.

I am pleased to inform you that these Inspectors have already been selected and will be Inspector Andy Gan for Newark and Sherwood and Inspector Amanda Hinchliffe for Bassetlaw. They will take on their roles within the next few months.

All other departments and staff, such as patrol officers, response teams and Safer Neighbourhood teams will remain exactly the same.

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This restructure is purely about the command team. It will not affect your local Beat Managers and Police Community Support Officers but it should improve the service you receive due to the Chief Inspector supervision at each LAC.

It will mean that we can work more closely with our partners, particularly the district councils, as the boundaries will be the same.

The reasoning behind this restructure is to achieve my overarching vision, which is to ensure you, our customers, are at the heart of everything we do.

Our Safer Neighbourhood teams continue to roll out across the division and I'm sure many parishes will already be working closely with your local officers.

We are now in the process of an extensive community engagement programme, which will only be effective with your help.

Your local Safer Neighbourhood teams will be displaying posters publicising their names, contact numbers and community surgery dates, around their beat areas.

They will be delivering resident surveys to ask you about crime and disorder issues that affect your neighbourhood and what improvements could be made.

You can help by:

- Becoming part of your Local Action Group, which will oversee the work of your Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Setting up a Neighbourhood Watch group
- Becoming a community volunteer
- Becoming a Special Constable
- Completing surveys and forms that may be delivered to your home by your Safer Neighbourhood Team

Details of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team and how to contact them are available from your local police station or by visiting our website at www.nottinghamshire.police.uk.

You may have already read about the restructure in your local newspaper. I hope in this letter I have clarified exactly what changes are taking place and why. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes
David Colbeck
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Divisional Commander