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Dear Mr Richards

St James' Place, Brighton
Hearing in relation to application for stopping up Order

I am the Crime Prevention Officer for Central Brighton.

I have been asked by the residents of St James' Place to write a letter in support of their application for a stopping up order.

I can confirm that St James' Street, and the immediate area around St James' Place, is within an area of Brighton that attracts relatively high incidence of crime, including drink and drug-related offences..

I am told by the residents, that they have been the victims of anti-social behaviour, other forms of nuisance, as well as more serious incidents such as verbal abuse, criminal damage and assault.
My own analysis of the reported and unreported crime for the area in general would support this statement.

In my view, a lockable gate would help tackle the majority of these problems, and be the most appropriate, realistic and cost effective way of achieving this. It is a simple way, in my view, for the residents to help protect themselves and their immediate environment.

St James' Place I am advised, is in any case a cul-de-sac, so I believe it would be reasonable to assume that there would not be any legitimate reason for members of the public not connected to the residents to be walking up there at night time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Peter Brookshaw
Crime Prevention Officer
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