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Dear Sir Stephen

I am writing in relation to Police Scotland's *Police Public Counter Service Review* and *Traffic Warden Review* as they affect East Lothian.

At its meeting on 22 October, East Lothian Council approved the recommendations in the attached report, which now constitutes the Council's response to the consultations on both these issues.

You will see from the report the nature of the concerns the Council has on each of the proposed changes.

In relation to the review of police public counter services, these concerns include the way the review has been conducted and possible adverse impact on the local community in the Fa'side Ward.

In relation to the review of the Traffic Warden Service, concerns include (again) the lack of meaningful consultation and the proposed timescale for the withdrawal of the service. Given the timescale necessary to put any alternative arrangements in place, the Council seeks assurances that traffic warden provision will not be withdrawn unless or until alternative arrangements are in place.

I recognise the financial constraints which have led to these reviews, but I would like to express disappointment at the way they have been handled. Changes of this nature should be considered in the development of the Local Policing Plan where relevant parties can be consulted and the impact on local communities taken into account.

Because of the strength and nature of the Council's concerns, our Council Leader Willie Innes and I would welcome a meeting with yourself and with the Chair of the Scottish Police Services Authority Vic Emery as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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