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If you would like more information on a wide range of issues such as crime, health and street care, please visit my website.

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NATIONAL FACT:

Violent Crime is up over 95% since Labour came to power. In the first six months of the 'End of Custody Licence Scheme', Labour has released 16,197 prisoner early, including over 3,000 violent criminals. That's one every 17 minutes. 25,500 prisoners will be released early by July 2008. [SOURCE: The Ministry of Justice]

LOCAL FACT:

There has been a 14.3% reduction in violent crime in Hove & Portslade over the last year resulting in 284 fewer victims and a 17.9% overall crime reduction with 1,452 fewer victims. **I applaud this achievement which is a direct result of the hard work done by our local Police and the partnerships with various agencies.**

Stop & Search

It takes 7 minutes to complete the foot long form when a police officer carries out a stop and search. 1.3 million police hours are wasted in this ludicrous bureaucracy each year. If the Police are called to a disturbance in a public place, and stop to ask a group of teenagers nearby if they know anything, there is then 30 to 40 minutes of paperwork for the officers to complete - **even if the group is totally unconnected to the reported disturbance!**

Our Police force is the envy of the world, doing a job most of us would find impossible to do. However, Labour are taking us in the wrong direction. It is time to cut red tape and empower officers. Conservatives would:

- 1) abolish the 'stop and account' form. This would save an estimated 900,000 police hours per year, freeing up officers, putting them back on the street.
- 2) scrap the form-filling that goes with 'stop and search' powers, replacing it with an oral record typed or taped at the police station, saving an estimated 400,000 police hours per year.

We will consult the police, ethnic minority groups and local communities before implementation. These proposals have the support of National Black Police Association and the President of the Chief Superintendents Association.

These proposals are part of a package designed for law abiding citizens to reclaim the streets (more information on my web site www.mikeweatherley.org.uk). Doing nothing is not an option!

Your views on this important subject are very much welcomed. If you disagree - tell me. If you have a particular point to highlight - tell me. If you generally agree - tell me. All replies are read and much appreciated. All replies are kept confidential but please do add in your name, post code and voting intention so we ensure we have a cross section of replies.

Thank you.



Crime & Policing

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY FREEPOST

I am often told crime is a big issue. But how safe do you feel in Hove & Portslade?

- Very unsafe Quite unsafe Slightly concerned
 Quite Safe Very Safe

Compared to 10 years ago, do you think that Hove and Portslade is:

- A lot safer A little safer About the same
 A little less safe A lot less safe

I believe our local police do a great job but are overwhelmed by paperwork and political correctness.

Do you think the number of police in our community is

- Well below level needed About right More than needed
 Slightly fewer than we need

The front desk at Hove Police station is open 08.00 - 20.00 weekdays, 10.00 - 18.00

Saturdays and closed Sundays (NB The station is used 24hours operationally, it is just the front desk that has reduced hours and additional opening times to the public would incur additional, possibly unnecessary costs). Do you think your local Police Station should be open longer?

- Yes Hours about right Could be reduced

Do you think the Labour Government were correct in delaying the recent Police pay increase, going against independent arbitration?

- Yes No Unsure

Is there any other issue that you would like me to be aware of?

About you

So that I have a representative sample of replies, please could you indicate which Party you would support if there were an election tomorrow?

- Conservatives Labour LibDem
 Won't vote Green Other

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

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