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## **North Hykeham Town Council**

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To: The Police and Crime Commissioner  
Lincolnshire Police

Subject: Concerns Regarding Neighbourhood Policing Provision in North Hykeham

Dear Commissioner,

North Hykeham Town Council is writing to you on behalf of residents to express significant concern regarding the current and anticipated changes to neighbourhood policing provision within our area.

We understand from discussions with North Kesteven District Council that Lincolnshire Police has introduced 'Operation Glide Path', a temporary deployment arrangement which will see a number of neighbourhood policing teams and other officers abstracted from their usual duties and redeployed to response and crime investigation roles. We have been advised that this situation may remain in place for a period of between six and eighteen months.

Whilst we recognise the operational pressures facing Lincolnshire Police and understand that this measure is intended to be temporary whilst recruitment processes progress, the potential impact on neighbourhood policing in North Hykeham is of considerable concern.

The Council is particularly worried given the significant increase in anti-social behaviour reported within our community, with recent figures indicating an increase of approximately 40%. Some of this activity is not only disruptive but also dangerous for those involved and for other residents, and therefore requires appropriate levels of visibility, engagement and intervention from neighbourhood policing teams.

North Hykeham is a large and growing community, and residents already feel the impact of reduced policing visibility following the previous decision to relocate response officers from North Hykeham to South Park. The further reduction in neighbourhood policing resources risks exacerbating these concerns.

We understand that within the North Hykeham area the abstraction will result in the removal of one Neighbourhood Sergeant, with three Community Beat Managers remaining but responsible for covering all areas from Metheringham northwards. This represents an exceptionally large geographical area for a limited number of officers to support effectively.

In particular, the Council wishes to highlight the following concerns:

- The capacity of the remaining officers to adequately cover such a large and expanding area.
- The ability to manage and address the growing levels of anti-social behaviour within the community.
- The reduction in visible policing and the reassurance this provides to residents.
- The additional pressures created by other abstractions such as annual leave, sickness or operational demands.

North Hykeham Town Council is committed to ensuring that the concerns of residents are accurately represented. We believe it is important that our community understands the steps being taken on their behalf,

and we intend to be transparent about this process. If necessary, we are prepared to highlight these concerns publicly, including through local media, to ensure residents remain informed.

We would therefore welcome your response outlining how neighbourhood policing presence and community engagement will be maintained during this period.

Given the level of concern within the community, we respectfully request a response to this letter no later than 30 March 2026. Should a response not be received by that date, the Council will inform residents of the efforts being made on their behalf and the lack of response received.

North Hykeham Town Council remains committed to working constructively with Lincolnshire Police and partners to support community safety and would welcome further dialogue on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mandy Parker  
Town Clerk  
On behalf of North Hykeham Town Council