Dear Residents,

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to raise concerns and share their views. We understand the frustration many people feel and recognise why the recent footage has prompted discussion within the community.

The vehicle shown in the footage has been identified as belonging to West Mercia Police, which is a separate police force. The concerns raised have been passed to West Mercia Police through the appropriate channels, and they will review the matter and determine whether any further action is required. As Warwickshire Police has no authority over West Mercia officers, we are unable to comment on the outcome of their review.

It is important to note that the officers involved were likely unfamiliar with the wider situation in Earlswood and may have been travelling through the area for another policing purpose. There can also be a range of operational reasons why officers do not stop at a particular incident, and it would be inappropriate to speculate on the specifics.

We would also like to reassure residents that Earlswood has received significant policing attention over the past two summers. In July alone, the Safer Neighbourhood Team conducted around 41 hours of overt patrols, alongside ongoing problem-solving work with local partners and the community.

Over recent years we have engaged regularly with residents through surveys, local meetings, community surgeries, telephone conversations, emails and face-to-face discussions. Throughout this work, we have aimed to be transparent about both the action we can take and the practical challenges of balancing policing resources across the wider district and county.

Where lawful and proportionate enforcement opportunities exist, we will take action. Officers have moved vehicles on, dealt with obstructions and, where appropriate powers existed, seized vehicles. We continue to monitor activity in the area and review all available information and intelligence.

We are also aware of concerns relating to suspected drug activity. These reports are taken seriously and remain subject to ongoing assessment. While we cannot discuss operational tactics, our work includes both visible and less visible policing activity. At

present, there is limited evidence of organised drug dealing in the area, although there have been isolated instances of recreational drug use. Where criminal offences are identified and evidence exists, appropriate action will be taken.

Finally, we appreciate residents' concerns regarding 101 and 999 response times. While these services are managed at a force-wide level, we cannot stress enough the importance of reporting incidents directly to the police. Information shared through the Parish Council is extremely valuable in helping us understand community concerns and identify trends, but direct reports allow us to assess incidents fully, gather evidence and determine what action may be possible.

We recognise that residents remain concerned about the situation in Earlswood. Please be assured that we will continue to monitor matters closely, work with our partners, and take action wherever the evidence and legislation allow.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Safer Neighbourhood Team
Warwickshire Police