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RESIDENTS MEET POLICE AND DDC COUNCILLOR TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY SAFETY CONCERNS

On Friday 28th September Town and District Councillor MJ Holloway and PCSOs Kerry Skirrow and Mike Bolt held a drop in event at the Guildhall to discuss policing matters and community safety. Members of the public were able to discuss specific problems that they've experienced as well general safety matters.

Residents raised issues covering traffic speeding and safety, illegal parking, noise from motorbikes, and rough sleepers. The PSCOs encouraged residents to report reckless driving to the police via 101, preferable with a number plate - this could enable the police to issue a Section 59 notice warning the offending driver and putting them on standby. Likewise, late night noise caused by the gathering of joy riders on motorbikes, and any anti social behaviour caused by rough sleepers - residents were encouraged to report all incidents via 101. Cllr Holloway OBE, agreed to follow-up with the Community Safety Unit at DDC the issue of parking on double yellow lines throughout the town, in particular at night adjacent to take away businesses - reckless parking was causing congestion and increasing the risk of a road accident.

Cllr Holloway said, " The next drop-in events at the Guildhall will take place on 2nd November and 7th December (both 5pm – 6pm) and a reminder will be issued in the EK Mercury : Sandwich Edition nearer the time. I would encourage residents to pop along for a chat about issues which are of concern to them. The more information both the police and DDC have the better chance we have of resolving problems. In the meantime, I would encourage residents to report incidents to 101 or 999 if it is life threatening - start with 999 if in doubt. As DDC Cabinet member responsible for Community Safety I shall attend the next two events to ensure residents concern are being listened to and issues are followed-up."

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