

# New Community Policing Team for Epping Forest

- It is proposed that the new Community Policing Team for Epping Forest and Brentwood would be made up of: one local policing and partnership inspector, two Sergeants, 10 constables, one dedicated youth officer and seven PCSOs.
- The team will be locally based and will prioritise: protecting people from harm; preventing and reducing crime; bringing criminals to justice; engaging with the public; and ensuring the public are satisfied with the service they receive.
- The team will work closely with partners to deal with all aspects of neighbourhood policing, from tackling night-time economy related violence to responding to emerging crime trends.
- They will not deal with low level non-policing matters such as long-term neighbourhood disputes, low level anti-social behaviour and parking issues, but will work alongside partners, for example the local authority and Community Safety Partnership, who will address these matters.
- Under proposals, currently under consultation with affected staff, 19 of the 26 PCSOs jobs in Epping Forest & Brentwood may be removed and the affected staff would be retained as PCSOs, redeployed elsewhere in the force or made redundant. It is proposed that the new Community Policing Team for Epping Forest & Brentwood would retain seven PCSO jobs.
- The Community Policing Teams will hold monthly Local Community Meetings where residents can raise their crime-related concerns. Street meets will be discontinued.

## Loughton Police Station

- Loughton police station will remain open however the front counter is proposed for closure to the public. It currently opens from Monday to Saturday from 12pm to 6pm. This proposed closure would take effect by April 2016.
- Loughton will continue to provide an operational base for local officers to work from.
- Loughton police station will house: local policing teams; CID; domestic abuse investigation teams and public protection.
- Research carried out over two separate months showed 744 people visited Loughton's front counter, this compares with 6,839 in Harlow.
- For front counter services residents can visit nearby Harlow which will be open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.
- Of those 744 visiting Loughton police station front counter, only 20 visitors were reporting a crime.

## Stations proposed for closure and sale

- **Epping** police station is proposed for closure and sale. It currently opens to the public Monday to Saturday from 12pm to 6pm.

Research carried out over two separate months showed 381 people visited Epping's front counter. Of those six of the visits were to report a crime. The majority of visitors were seeking advice.

- **Ongar** police station is being proposed for closure and sale. The front counter of the police station closed to the public in November 2011.
- The front counter of **Waltham Abbey** police station closed to the public in November 2011.

The decision to formally close the station was taken in September 2014. It is now being proposed for sale.