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Dear Lisa,

On behalf of West Mercia Police and as Chair of Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership, I am writing to express my support for the continuation of Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Shrewsbury Town Centre. Since the introduction of PSPO there has been a significant reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). The order has provided officers with an effective means of addressing persistent issues and preventing behaviour from escalating. The PSPO is one of many tools used to by officer's tackle ASB within the town and will have contributed to the year-on-year fall of recorded ASB.

Between the 1st January and the 26th May (year to date), the amount of ASB recorded for each year has continued to reduce in Shrewsbury Town Centre:

- 2024 = 135 Incidents of ASB recorded
- 2025 = 126 Incidents of ASB recorded
- 2026 = 90 Incidents of ASB recorded (a reduction of 28.6% from same period in 2025)

In terms of totals recorded each year, then figures are:

- 2024 = 319 Incidents of ASB recorded
- 2025 = 285 Incidents of ASB recorded (a reduction of 10.7%)

From January 2026 to date Police have issued 37 notices of breaching the PSPO and there have been 4 arrests for breach of PSPO.

The PSPO has proven to be a valuable and proportionate tool in supporting both enforcement and prevention activity. Given the positive outcomes achieved, I support the renewal of the PSPO and believe it remains necessary to help maintain these improvements and ensure local communities continue to benefit from safer and more accessible public spaces.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Hancox', written over a horizontal line.

Superintendent Edward Hancox