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Dear Alison,

Thank you for taking the time to write on behalf of Winchfield Parish Council about this issue. I am very grateful to you for raising these concerns directly for my awareness.

I do want to acknowledge from the outset how unsettling and distressing this situation is for residents. People have every right to feel comfortable and safe when using local public footpaths, particularly in rural areas that are such an important part of community life. I completely understand why this behaviour is causing concern, and I share your view that it is not acceptable for people to feel uneasy in their own community.

Following your letter, I have spoken with Inspector Eastlake from the Hart Neighbourhood Policing Team to understand the current position. I have asked the Constabulary to ensure that local patrols are stepped up and that the situation continues to be kept under close and active review, with appropriate action taken where necessary. I have been assured that all reported sightings are discussed at daily management meetings and are subject to enhanced monitoring. This includes ensuring that all reports are assessed against known movements to maintain accurate oversight, and to ensure that any separate incidents involving different individuals are not overlooked. There is joint working with the District Safety Team to maintain a coordinated approach.

I also want to be open with you about the legal position, as I appreciate this can be frustrating. At present, it is not in itself an offence for someone to be unclothed in a public place unless there is clear evidence that it has caused harassment, alarm, or distress. I know many residents will find this difficult to accept, and I do believe there is a strong case for reviewing the legislation in this area. This is something you may wish to raise with your local Member of Parliament.

In the meantime, it is important that any incidents continue to be reported. Where individuals do feel alarmed or distressed, this helps the police build the evidence needed to take further action where the legal threshold is met.

Please do keep me updated on any further incidents or concerns. I am very keen to continue supporting you and the parish council on this matter, and to ensure that the concerns of your community are properly heard and responded to.

Thank you again for bringing this to my attention and for advocating so strongly on behalf of your community.

Yours sincerely,

Donna Jones.

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