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Department & address to send

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Public Space Protection Order (Variation – Colnbrook)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in the capacity of Chair of the Colnbrook Neighbourhood Action Group in support of Thames Valley Police in their request to vary the PSPO applied in Colnbrook, to cover the prohibition of carrying catapults or other means of delivering projectiles.

This supportive request comes after incidents over several years of catapults being used to target wildlife and domestic pets in the area escalating to the situation where we find ourselves in now. Vehicles are being targeted as they travel along the roads of Colnbrook, including public transport, pedestrians and cyclists. The latest incident involved a resident sitting in her garden, being targeted with a cobblestone being thrown at her; fortunately it fell short, but only by less than a meter. If it had connected with her, it would have had the potential of causing life changing injuries. Escalation of this violence must be curtailed, managed and finally stopped.

We are working with our police team in order to find the means to reassure our residents that measures are being taken to restrict this particularly violent anti social behaviour, which emanates from the children of probably only two families.

Our residents are losing faith in the system, and consider that their safety and protection is being traded against the ability to prosecute juveniles who appear to be free of retribution from the law. Our police team **are** working hard to deal with the issues, but greater powers that this variation will deliver, will go far to calm a very concerned community.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. Puja Bedi
Chair C-NAG