



UXBRIDGE POLICE STATION - PETITION

The Petition has now been closed and sent in a bound volume to the Mayor of London. The Petition is for the re-opening of the 24/7 Front Desk at Uxbridge Police Station and for the removal of the threat of closure of this much-needed facility.

IT CONTAINS 1352 SIGNATURES AND 600 COMMENTS!

We have pointed out in our letter to the Mayor that this is the largest testing of public opinion in North Uxbridge ever undertaken. We have invited him to study the comments made in order fully to appreciate the strength of feeling against closure, not only in North Uxbridge but throughout the Borough.

When reading the comments, one cannot fail to be impressed by the range, depth and insights displayed and the wide variety of experiences people have called upon. Some have been victims of crime, others are concerned about themselves and their families – particularly young people and 'smartphone' mugging. Knife crime and the two recent killings are often mentioned. There are comments from Police Officers themselves and those in Agencies who work with the Police – about the loss of protection this implies and the message the closure gives to those with criminal intent. There is even a comment in Latin! It is a quote from the Poet Virgil warning of the disastrous consequences for society when protection is lost.

Following the allocation of more Police Officers to London, the Estate is currently under review by MOPAC – to find somewhere to put the new Officers. They have said nothing yet about the repeat of the Borough's offer to give financial support for re-opening Uxbridge Station. In NURA's assessment, the unsuitability of the Hayes End site and the continuing availability of the Uxbridge site makes it likely that it will be brought back fully into operation.

We need to maintain the impetus of our campaign to achieve this goal.

We are arranging a **PHOTO-SHOOT AT 10A.M. SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY OUTSIDE UXBRIDGE POLICE STATION.**

We shall hold up large placards highlighting the volume of support for the Petition. We will then use the pictures, both nationally and locally, to publicise the campaign.

PLEASE JOIN US - IT WON'T TAKE LONG!

A good crowd makes for a good picture.....!