



## **UXBRIDGE POLICE STATION - PETITION**

### **Photo-Shoot 1 February 2020**

Residents assembled outside the Uxbridge Police Station on 1 February 2020 to highlight the volume of support for the Petition for the re-opening of the 24/7 Front Desk at Uxbridge Police Station. The Petition has been sent to the Mayor and contains:-

**1352 SIGNATURES AND 600 COMMENTS!**



These photographs will be used for our ongoing campaign. We have sent them to the Uxbridge Gazette and will bring the pictures and the back story to the attention of National Newspapers. We will remind them that this is Boris Johnson's constituency. For those coming new to this, here is the back story –

During 2017 the Mayor of London, acting through MOPAC, undertook a review of the whole Police Estate in London. He concluded that each London Borough should only





have one 24/7 Front Desk. He decided that for Hillingdon this should be at Hayes End, thus enabling him to sell the Uxbridge Police Station site for a price reflecting its Town Centre location.

There was a huge public outcry at the time. Some 200 individual letters were written to him, but he refused to change his decision despite a generous offer of financial assistance from Hillingdon Council. He commissioned a scheme to refurbish the Hayes End Police Station.

Circumstances changed last year when the Government announced additional Police Officers for London. The Mayor has decided to review the Police Estate to identify bases for the increased numbers.

This has re-opened the Public





Campaign. The London Borough of Hillingdon has repeated its offer of financial assistance for the running of a re-opened Uxbridge Police Station. NURA used this opportunity to mount the Petition.

This is the largest testing of public opinion ever undertaken in North Uxbridge. In submitting the Petition to the Mayor, we have asked him to read the comments made so that he can fully appreciate the strength of feeling against closure.

We have asked him to re-consider the 'one 24/7 Front Desk per London Borough principle'. It is not appropriate for a long, thin Borough such as Hillingdon. However, if there is to be only one 24/7 Front Desk, it should be in the Borough's centrally located main Town and administrative centre. This is also the best operational location. We have urged him to make a personal visit to the Hayes End site. A few minutes' inspection should convince him that it is a wholly unsuitable location for the Police Headquarters: his Police Officers and the public deserve better.

We have suggested to him that the need to find a base for additional Officers in Hillingdon should tip the balance in his assessment – so that the Uxbridge Police Station can soon be reinstated to full operation.

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