

**From:** Jacquie Russell Jacquie.Russell@westsussex.gov.uk

**Subject:** Re: Protest

**Date:** 25 October 2024 at 08:51

**To:** Derrick, David CD295 David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk, [REDACTED]  
Johnson, Doug CJ871 douglas.johnson@sussex.police.uk, Oakley, Ryan CO326 Ryan.Oakley@sussex.police.uk  
**Cc:** Lucy Corrie Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk, Benjamin Whiffin benjamin.whiffin@westsussex.gov.uk

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Dear Inspector Derrick

I attach an email from Ben Whiffin (copied in) with respect to vehicles parked on the public footway and his response.

If things transpire as last year, that footway will be wall to wall parking with transit vans/other vehicles forcing pedestrians into the road.

It would be good to get agreement between Sussex Police and Highways on this matter given this behaviour is detrimental to the safety of pedestrians along Saint Hill Rd.

Meanwhile, Following intervention from Highways, I can confirm that the planters placed along the road were removed yesterday but should they reappear, over the weekend, it would be really helpful if your officers could assist in this area too.

Regards

Jacquie

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**From:** Derrick, David CD295 <David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk>

**Sent:** Friday, October 25, 2024 8:41:25 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] Johnson, Doug CJ871

<douglas.johnson@sussex.police.uk>; Oakley, Ryan CO326 <Ryan.Oakley@sussex.police.uk>

**Cc:** Lucy Corrie <Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk>; Jacquie Russell <jacquie.russell@westsussex.gov.uk>

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Alexander – This is a matter for the Council and The Highways agency, Not Police.

Police will be in attendance today and if anything is knocked over and blocks the highway Police will address it then!

Kind regards

David



**Inspector David Derrick**

Mid Sussex NPT Inspector  
West Sussex Defuse Manager  
Mob:07912 896884

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 24, 2024 3:12 PM

**To:** Derrick, David CD295 <David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk>

**Cc:** Lucy Corrie <Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk>; Jacquie Russell <jacquie.russell@westsussex.gov.uk>

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Dear Inspector Derrick,

Scientology have placed planters in the road along the footpath outside their perimeter and although this is a marked improvement on last year's planters in terms of obstruction of the right of way, I am concerned this is unsafe for road users - if one of them gets knocked or dislodged, it would cause an obstruction in the highway and may be dangerous for any cars driving past.

There is also a car parked entirely on the verge, which is a public footpath and I have been advised this is a matter for the police, not the council.

Please find photographic evidence attached.

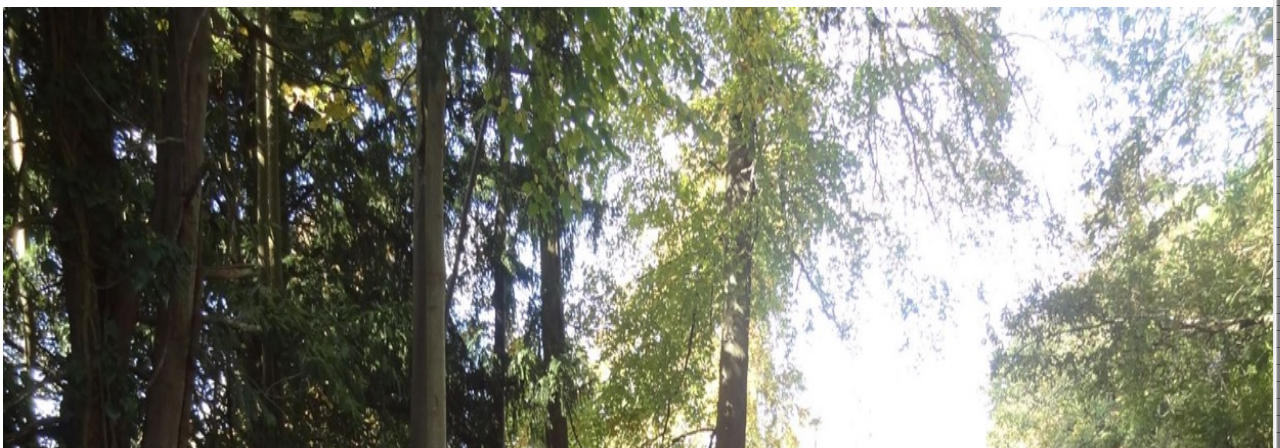
Would it be possible to ensure these are removed ahead of tomorrow's demonstration, please?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]











On 23 Oct 2024, at 08:16, Derrick, David CD295 <[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)> wrote:

Thank you !

I forgot to say in my e mail, but I know we discussed it.... All Cops present will be recording all day. This has been agreed with MSDC.

I hope you have a peaceful weekend.

Kind regards

David



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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:21 PM

**To:** Derrick, David CD295 <[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)>

**Cc:** Oakley, Ryan CO326 <[Ryan.Oakley@sussex.police.uk](mailto:Ryan.Oakley@sussex.police.uk)>; Johnson, Doug CJ871 <[douglas.johnson@sussex.police.uk](mailto:douglas.johnson@sussex.police.uk)>

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Hi David,

Thank you so much for your time today, it was great to meet you and Sgt. Johnson.

My number is [REDACTED] and will be sure to call in the morning each day as we did last year.

At the moment we are expecting about 20 protestors based on responses we've received through our online form. I will of course keep you up to date if this changes over the next 72 hours.

All the best.

[REDACTED]

On 22 Oct 2024, at 18:48, Derrick, David CD295 <[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)> wrote:

Alexander it was good to meet you today.

Please make contact with the Sgts on the day.

Sgt Doug Johnson is on Friday - [REDACTED]

Sgt Ryan Oakley Sat and Sun - [REDACTED]

They are both CC'd - Pls work with them at the weekend and please do what you can to ensure it remains peaceful and those attending may enter without feeling intimidated.

Kind regards

David

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2024 5:40 PM  
**To:** Derrick, David CD295 <[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Protest

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Hi David,

Fantastic, thank you very much. I hadn't reached out to you directly yet as I had been liaising with PC Ben Ferguson, who advised me I would be contacted by the local Policing team - and wasn't able to confirm whether you had any involvement with the event this year.

If we could agree to meet at the site on Monday or Tuesday afternoon, that would be fantastic. If you could please let me know when would be convenient for you? Maybe 1pm or 2pm?

Thank you

[REDACTED]

On 18 Oct 2024, at 15:24, Derrick, David CD295  
<[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I am in charge of Policing for Mid Sussex... And if Police were there on Wednesday, I know nothing about it... So I doubt it!

The plans will be similar to last year.. There will be a designated area for you to protest, like last year.

Yes re the march you can have a police escort.

And of course you know you cannot block the highway! Which is why the space that you had last year will be the space you have this year.

If anyone blocks the highway, protester or not, they will be arrested.

The only plan that has been agreed with the venue is that Police will be in attendance to ensure the peace is kept!.. Which of course is always our position.

Im happy to have a call with you or meet you up a the site if you wish.

Alexander, of course always feel free to reach out to me! You must have had my details from last year.

Kind regards

David

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2024 3:15 PM  
**To:** Derrick, David CD295 <[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Protest

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Dear Inspector Derrick,

Thank you for finally reaching out.. I have been waiting two weeks for the Local Policing Team to make contact with me to discuss our demonstration.

With the event now just 7 days away, I am cautious time is running out to effectively communicate any adjustments necessary to plans to those hoping to attend the protest, and the wider community.

I understand the Police visited Saint Hill on Wednesday and met with Janet Laveau and I was told by a passer by who spoke with the officer that plans have already been made without consultation about our demonstration. This

have already been made, without consultation, about our demonstration. This is extremely concerning as last year we had established a good level of communication with yourself and others at Sussex Police and as you are aware, we conducted a peaceful protest with no cautions, warnings or arrests made over the weekend.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether we will be able to march in a similar manner to last year with a police escort from Turners Hill Road along Saint Hill Road?

Would it be possible to arrange a similar site visit with myself, so I can show you where we will be gathering, and my concerns about the blocking of the public rights of way?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

On 18 Oct 2024, at 11:53, Derrick, David CD295  
<[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)> wrote:

[REDACTED] – I hope you are well.

Hopefully you remember me from last year.

Would you be free Monday for a tel call re your protest plans for next week.

Kind regards

David

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**From:** Derrick, David CD295 <[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2023 10:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Puttock, Karina DP197 <[Karina.Puttock@sussex.police.uk](mailto:Karina.Puttock@sussex.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Protest

[REDACTED]

Please ensure you follow the guidance given to you by Sgt Puttock.

Please stand in the area we spoke about that i believe is the safest place.

Please ensure you do not damage property and act peacefully.

Thank you

David

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 4:08:27 PM

**To:** Derrick, David CD295 <[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)>  
**Cc:** Puttock, Karina DP197 <[Karina.Puttock@sussex.police.uk](mailto:Karina.Puttock@sussex.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Protest

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Hi David,

Lovely to speak earlier, thank you for your call.

With regard to Saturday and Sunday, we are expecting a much smaller turnout and it will be a static protest only with no march. At the moment, the plan is to arrive at the site between 2:00pm and 2:30pm and stay there for a few hours, likely leaving around 6:00pm on both days.

Karina, I am looking forward to meeting you tomorrow, please don't hesitate to give me a call if there is anything you need to speak about beforehand. My number is 07706 145 330.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

On 2 Nov 2023, at 13:46, Derrick, David CD295  
<[David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk](mailto:David.Derrick@sussex.police.uk)> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Nice to speak to you.

Karina Puttock will great you on Friday.. her number is [REDACTED] - She will great you at the end of the Rd and walk you down to your standing point. She is aware you are starting your march at 1430 in East Grinstead by the station.

Can you please advise me what your plans are Sat and Sunday if you have an ASAP

Thanks

David

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Hi Jacquie,

Vehicles parked on a pavement to such an extent that people can no longer use it would be a matter for Sussex Police as an obstruction. We would have no immediate enforcement powers or ability to remove such a vehicle.

Our interventions would be limited to considering physical features such as bollards, or by introducing a TRO to prohibit parking. Given that this particular issue is isolated to one weekend in the year, I would suggest that neither is appropriate in these circumstances



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Thanks

Ben Whiffin

