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**Chief Inspector Gillian Marshall**  
**Stirling Area Commander**

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Dear Chief Inspector,

I write to you on behalf of businesses and residents in the Stirling city centre, who have expressed concerns in recent weeks over rising cases of anti-social behaviour in their community.

Your local officers have performed their duties over the last year with extraordinary levels of dedication and patience. I'm sure I speak for many when I express gratitude for your collective efforts and engagement with Stirling's communities.

I recognise the pandemic has been difficult for everyone, and long periods in lockdown has produced a restlessness and desire to let off steam. But as restrictions begin to ease, it cannot be acceptable for large groups to intimidate residents, engage in anti-social behaviour nor bully their way into occupying areas of our city centre.

Businesses have been hit hard, and need a secure and welcoming environment to rebuild their lost footfall. And residents deserve safety in their own streets and neighbourhoods.

What assurances can you offer to myself and those affected in our city centre, that swift action will be undertaken to urgently tackle this unfolding situation?

I would welcome your thoughts on these matters, and look forward to your response. I'd also welcome a discussion soon, at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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