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Your ref: Our ref:CJR/4170

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Dear Mr Brady

Re: Support of Closure of Ginnel on White Laithe Garth, Leeds 14

In response to the recent problems concerning Crime and in particular, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) relating to the Ginnel at the side of a residential property on White Laithe Garth, I report as follows:

It has taken a while but I am now in a position to update you regarding this matter. After numerous visits to the complainants and the area in question I have now come to the conclusion that we are in a position to support the closure of this Ginnel.

To support this I have prepared a problem profile of the Crime and ASB in the area which conforms there has indeed been a notable amount of reports and incidents.

Not only have residents had to suffer incidents of Criminal Damage and Loutish behaviour, we have evidence of large groups of youths who regularly hang loiter in the area, shouting, swearing and intimidating residents.

The area around the White Laithes has also encountered a significant amount of these types of problems.

The profile indicates that late evenings has been the peak time for incidents and during the months of January and February we saw a notable increase in Crime and ASB.

In the short term we have provided high visibility patrols to prevent these incidents but it is impossible to continuously Police the area.

The closure of this facility would not only make the quality of life better for the residents but would also reduce the number of crimes and anti-social behaviour calls that we have to attend in the area.

Yours sincerely

Inspector Craig Robinson East Outer Neighbourhood Policing Team Garforth Police Station Lidgett Lane Garforth Leeds LS25 1LJ

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