

Dear Anne,

Thank you for sending the University of Sussex Students' Union the findings of the investigative panel.

The Students' Union welcomes joint workings between the Police, universities, and students unions, particularly because the safety of our students is of paramount concern to us. We do have concerns, though, with regards to the suggestion that the Sshh Campaign be extended. Because the University of Sussex doesn't have halls of residence outside of campus, we feel that there are more constructive ways to encourage students to be good neighbours. We are planning to run a 'good neighbour' campaign in the upcoming term, and hope that this will contribute to the positive work we are attempting to do within the community.

We also appreciate the recommendations made under 'Refuse and Recycling,' including initiatives by the Council working together with the university to inform students about changes in collection dates, etc. We would very much like to see the Council taking a lead role in tackling the issue of 'fly-tipping' and would be happy to publicise the information to our students.

We particularly appreciate the recognition of the duty of landlords and letting agents, with special reference to the proposal of extending the accreditation scheme. The Students' Union ran a Rate Your Landlord survey last term, and we hope that once the results are published into an executive summary, the Council would take the opportunity to look at students' own experiences of living in Brighton. While the option was made available for students to attend the panel hearings, the location and timing meant that very few students outside of the Students' Union were able to be present.

Finally, we are very enthusiastic about potential partnership working, and would very much like to see the University Working Group re-established. While it only held a few meetings, they were by and large very constructive, with a fresh approach to students and the community. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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[On behalf of Laura Tazzioli and the University of Sussex Students' Union]

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