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Dear .....,

I refer to your request of 19 February 2006 to be provided with information in relation to Wallington Police Station under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am able to respond to your three questions as follows:

1. Do the MPA have any plans to dispose of the police station in Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey?

Wallington Police Station is on the relocation list for 2007. The plan is dependent upon finding alternative accommodation in the centre of Wallington for the Safer Neighbourhoods teams currently accommodated in the police station and for a public access front office. The present police station will not close until this improved provision is commissioned. This is in line with the corporate MPA Estates Strategy of providing better and more accessible facilities for community police and exiting older properties, which are no longer fit for purpose and are inefficient to maintain.

2. Have the MPA considered options and / or received reports from the Authorities property department which recommend disposal of police station in Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey.

The MPA Finance Committee received a report on the progress made in implementing the Estate Strategy at its meeting held on 16 February 2006. This report is available at: [www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/f/2006/060216/11.htm](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/f/2006/060216/11.htm). Its relevance to Wallington Police Station is detailed in the response to question 1 above. The MPA have not received any reports from the MPS Property Services Department that relate specifically to Wallington Police Station.

3. If there are plans to dispose of this police station, what is the likely timescale for this disposal.

No positive steps have been as yet taken to exit Wallington Police Station. The recommendation to dispose of this site is part of the overall accommodation strategy for Sutton Borough.

As options become clearer, local consultation will take place via the Borough Commander.

I hope that this response answers your questions. However, if you are unhappy with the decision regarding your request for information you should in the first instance request a review of the decision – Jenny Trevillion, Corporate Complaints Officer would arrange for this to be carried out by someone not involved in the initial decision. Please contact me if you wish this to be done. If you are still unhappy after that a further request can be made to the Information Commissioner, who will decide whether the request was dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Further information is available on the Information Commissioner's website: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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