28 October 2026

Via email

Dear stakeholder,

RE: Letter to the Home Secretary regarding proposal for Norfolk and Suffolk Constabulary merger

We, the Police and Crime Commissioners for Norfolk and Suffolk, have written jointly to the Home Secretary to request a single police force serving both counties.

This proposal builds on the strong foundations already in place through years of close collaboration between our two forces. Thanks to the hard work and professionalism of officers and staff and partners, Norfolk and Suffolk already share many systems and services, putting us in a strong position for the future.

We believe a single force will strengthen policing across both counties and deliver greater value for money while maintaining a focus on local communities. Just as importantly, a merger between Norfolk and Suffolk would provide the best opportunity to build on the excellent partnership working that already exists and help us to maintain and further develop those services that support victims and prevent crime. This merger would be preferable to what has been suggested by the Government - a merger of five or six forces which would compromise the strong collaboration we have, particularly with the charitable and voluntary sectors.

We are committed to ensuring that these vital priorities remain at the heart of our work. We propose that Norfolk and Suffolk become a pathfinder area for police reform with the aim of creating a single constabulary by 2028.

No decisions have been made by Government at this stage, and there are no immediate changes. If the proposal progresses, we will keep you informed.

We have included a link to the letter here: 26.10.28_Police-and-Crime-Commissioners-proposal-for-a-Norfolk-and-Suffolk-Constabulary-merger.pdf

Yours faithfully,

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