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31 October 2013

Dear Mr Dilnot,

I write regarding the use of crime statistics.

At 1.47am on 31 October 2013, Jack Dromey sent a tweet to more than 7,000 followers indicating that crime was rising in the West Midlands.

Crime is not rising in the West Midlands. Crime in my area has fallen by 18 per cent since 2010 and fell by 5 per cent last year alone.

Crime is rightly extremely important to my constituents. I am concerned that falsely claiming crime is rising will worry them unduly.

I would be grateful if you could look into this issue as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Kelly".

CHRIS KELLY