

# PRESS RELEASE

At the last meeting of Earley Town Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> November, the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Tahir Maher, drew attention to the spate of burglaries that had been taking place recently mainly in North Earley and principally targeted at the Asian community. He drew attention to the report from the local Police Community Support Officer that was attached to the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee which stated that the Earley Neighbourhood Police Team were working very hard with local Council members and the Asian community to gather intelligence and issue crime prevention advice. Leaflet drops have been conducted across the area to deter and detect the offenders responsible.

Councillors endorsed the view that community members should ensure that all valuable items were secured and that house security is stepped up by locking all doors at night and considering the installation of burglar alarms to deter would be criminals.

Councillors also pointed out that it was not only the Asian community who would be targets in this period before Christmas and all local residents should be conscious that, with presents in the house, they could become a target for burglars'.

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