Subject: Let’s help the police to tackle terrorism

Hello Neighbours

Since March 2017, security agencies and counter-terror police have foiled 16 terrorist plots in the UK - 12 from radical Islamic groups and four by extreme right-wing groups. MI5 and police are running more than 500 live operations involving around 3,000 potential suspects at any one time.

I’m writing this email/post to ask for your help in detecting terrorist activity and preventing attacks in our community. You may wonder what on earth you can do as a single individual to help tackle terrorism, but in fact you can play a key role, just by keeping your eyes and ears open and reporting any suspicious activity.

Like any criminal, terrorists need to plan their operations, and much of this planning takes place in broad daylight. They need to do their research, to buy and store materials, and find ways to fund their activities.

If more people know what signs to look for, we can increase the chances of thwarting any planned attack. That’s why the police are keen to educate people about the signs – so that they know what to look for and can report anything that doesn’t seem right.

More than a fifth of the 30,984 reports to the police last year about suspected terrorist activity yielded useful intelligence.

Armed with the right knowledge, you can play an important part in tackling this terrible crime.

Neighbourhood Watch has created an online information pack about terrorism, how to spot the signs that terrorist activity may be being planned, and what to do if you see or hear something suspicious. You can find this pack here: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crimes-archive/terrorism/> and if you go to the Toolkit section here: https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crimes-archive/toolkit-4/ you can find more resources that you can use to spread the word even further.

If you have seen something suspicious, report it online [www.gov.uk/ACT](http://www.gov.uk/ACT) or call the police confidentially on **0800 789 321.**

Thank you,