

MINUTES of the MEETING of the ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME SUB-COMMITTEE
held at THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on WEDNESDAY 5
JUNE 2013 at 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chairman)
Councillor L J Bobby
Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor P C Harris
Councillor Ms L C Howes (*substituting for Cllr Ms L M Cross*)
Councillor Mrs C K Openshaw
Councillor P J Scanlan

ALSO PRESENT: Sara Stapleton, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)
PC Martin Reynolds, Kent Police
PCSO Rob Shine, Kent Police
David Edie, Housing Officer, Dartford Borough Council (DBC)
Christine Bates, KCC Community Warden
Kim Hill, KCC Community Warden

ABSENT: None.

40/13-14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Ms L M Cross (other commitments) and the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Mrs Ann Barnes (other commitments).

Recommended: That the apologies for absence and reasons, as listed, be formally approved.

41/13-14. SUBSTITUTES.

Councillor Ms L C Howes substituted for Councillor Ms L M Cross.

42/13-14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

43/13-14. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

Councillor B E Read advised members, in case they received any queries from local residents or allotment holders at Keary Road that Land Securities were currently surveying the underground pipe lines and electricity cables required for the Eastern Quarry development.

44/13-14. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2013.**

Recommended: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2013 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

45/13-14. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR VIA DARTFORD HOUSING SERVICES (DBH).**

The Housing Officer, from Dartford Housing, advised members that there were not many issues in the Swanscombe and Greenhithe area at the present time but gave a broad overview of the few cases. He confirmed that the new Anti-Social Behaviour Bill was moving through the legislative process. He also advised that the Senior Housing Officer, Mr Len Morley was retiring at the end of the month and that Dartford Borough Council was in the process of recruiting for his replacement.

Recommended: That the report be noted and that the Council's best wishes for Mr Morley's retirement be conveyed back to him.

46/13-14. **DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (DBC) – MULTI AGENCY MEETINGS.**

Members were provided with the response received from the Enforcement and Regulatory Services Manager at Dartford Borough Council regarding the confusion surrounding the Community Safety Unit (CSU) multi-agency meetings and appointed representatives attendance. Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill advised members that she had not been able to attend any meetings, but provided an update on matters affecting Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

47/13-14. **SWANSCOMBE SHOP SAFE SCHEME.**

Further to minute 485/12-13, confirmation had been received from Dartford Borough Council's (DBC) Enforcement Manager that now that the lamp columns in the High Street had been replaced by Kent County Council (KCC) a further site survey would be held to ensure that the lamp columns had been "powered up" in order for the cameras to be refitted. If all was in order, the quote from the contractor would be rechecked in order for the work to proceed.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

48/13-14. **BEAT OFFICER AND POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO) REPORT.**

PC Martin Reynolds and PCSO Rob Shine were thanked by members for attending the meeting. PC Reynolds advised that anti-social behaviour and crime in Swanscombe and Greenhithe had dropped and provided detailed statistics from 1 April 2013 to date on the various types of crimes. He confirmed that anti-social behaviour was down by 17% compared to the same time period the previous year; crime was down 50% compared to the same time period the previous year and victim based crime was down by 19% in Greenhithe and 10% in Swanscombe.

Overall, anti-social behaviour and crime in Swanscombe and Greenhithe was lower than all the other wards in Dartford.

Recommended: That the report be noted and that the Police be thanked for attending the meeting.

49/13-14. **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC) COMMUNITY WARDEN'S (SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE) REPORT.**

The KCC Community Warden's advised that they were now attending the CSU Multi-Agency meetings one morning a week. They gave an overview of anti-social behaviour and crime issues that they had been dealing with which had all been referred onto the appropriate agencies. They also advised that an information leaflet had been designed regarding illegal motorbikes on the Heritage Park; the intention was that the leaflets would help to educate the general public on how to report incidents appropriately.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

50/13-14. **TOWN COUNCIL'S INCIDENT LOG.**

Members were provided with a copy of the incidents reported to the Town Council since the last meeting. Members were reminded that the Town Council should be made aware of any incidents reported to the police, in order for them to be added to the incident log.

Recommended: That the incident log be noted.

51/13-14. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

Recommended: That the next meeting be held on Wednesday 18 September at 7.00pm, unless there was a requirement to call a meeting earlier and that the RFO, when dispatching the agendas to the outside representatives, also asks them to confirm their attendance.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed _____
Chairman Date

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June 2013

DATE & TIME	INCIDENT / PROBLEM / CRIME	CRIME NO / LOG NO	REPORTED BY
INCIDENT LOG: June 2013			
03/06/2013	Purse stolen from handbag in Community Café	04/0453	Café Assistant
07/06/2013	Abandoned car - Broomfield Road - Tax disc expired April 2013	660766	Town Mayor to Admin Asst, e-mailed DBC Cubit, they will investigate
07/06/2013	Saxon Court - Litter Bin burnt out	Incident: 03-0548, Crime ref: XY/17174-13	Parks Staff, reported to 101, PC Read attended.
11/06/2013	Fly-tipping St Paul's Close, adjacent to number 9.	660793	Parks Staff, DBC enforcement team will attend, remove and sneak to neighbours
14/06/2013	1 Johnsons Way, Swanscombe, Stolen plants and planters	Incident: 140564	Resident reported to 101 and KCC Community Warden, KCC Warden attended 14.06.13 and police attending property on 15.06.13
16/06/2013	Motorbikes on Heritage Park	Incident: 160618	Parks Staff reported to 101.
19/06/2013	Broomfield Road. Theft of a Motor Vehicle between 10.30am & 11.55am on Wed. 19.06.13. Entry gained and a Peugeot 106 Registration N25FWB was stolen	XY/19147/13	Kent Community Messaging
29 / 30 June 2013	Resident/ neighbour (lives in Orchard Way) who told me there had been a disturbance at the rear of the Pavilion sat night (29th-30th June) around 12.30 am. The police attended but a large number of party goers were involved.		Reported by member by email
07/06/2013	A woman claims a stranger grabbed hold of her and repeatedly kissed her before she fought him off. Incident happened in Liveryman Walk, Ingress Park, Greenhithe at approximately 11.45pm on 7 June. He is described as mixed race, aged between 27 and 33, about 6ft 1ins, of medium build with short dark brown hair. He was wearing a dark top and blue jeans.		Reported in the local press.

DATE & TIME INCIDENT LOG:	INCIDENT / PROBLEM / CRIME	CRIME NO / LOG NO	REPORTED BY	UPDATE
July, 2013 05/07/2013	Broken branches and cut down fir trees dumped behind garages at Spring Vale	666564	A member of the public to the Town Clerk, who reported it to DBC	DBC stated that the garages are privately owned, so it is the responsibility of the owners and they will not get involved.
16/07/2013	Swanscombe High Street - 2 Youths on a trial type bike, no helmets and no number plate. The driver was wearing a dark grey hoodie and the passenger a burgundy hoodie	reported by e-mail to local police	Facebook messages and also seen on High Street by the Town Clerk who reported it via e-mail to local police	Police to investigate
29/07/2013	Over the last couple of weeks the illegal Motorbikes have been using Swanscombe as a racetrack. I work full time but over the weekend there were quite a few near misses with cars. I understand a few of these bikes have there number plates splattered with Mud so you cannot read the number plates also there is a few who do not even wear the right equipment. I am more concerned about the insured drivers in the cars that have to put up with this very dangerous driving. It goes on all weekend and now the Summer Holidays are upon us I am sure this will escalate. Also over the last few weeks I have had to go out my back door on numerous occasions to stop Youths from pulling the fences apart and climbing on to the Church Hall roof at the back of the Community Hall and Spark I.T. I have alerted the Community Warden of this problem. My Daughter who is twelve was crying yesterday because she thought they could climb in to the House this is unacceptable and I want something done about it. Please bring this to the attention of the Councillors and Police and I would appreciate a Courtesy call from someone to let me know what is being done to rectify these problems.	reported to the TC Website, Town Clerk reported to police and KCC wardens		

DATE & TIME INCIDENT LOG: Aug 2013	INCIDENT / PROBLEM / CRIME	CRIME NO / LOG NO	REPORTED BY	UPDATE
05/08/2013	Burnt out vehicle on grass bank at rear of football pitches at Heritage Park, sometime during the evening of 5 August 2013. Cut the bolt on the security bar in front of double gates and then cut through a link on the chain to the double gates. Drove vehicle round and round the football pitches (Senior Groundsman Gardener confirmed only superficial damage to pitches) and then set vehicle alight on the bank at the rear of the pitches. Fire Brigade attended and put out fire and were able to lock chain and bolt the double gates. The vehicle was a Nissan Van, no visible registration number, but a company name of Morgan Sindell was still visible. Leisure Centre cameras are not working whilst doing the refurb so there is no CCTV footage. Once Police have been out Senior Groundsman/Gardener will arrange to have vehicle removed.	06-0416, Crime Ref: XY-24224-13	Reported by a Councillor. SS reported to Police at 9.45 am on 6 August 2013.	Police phoned back at 10.00 am and confirmed that it would be reported as criminal damage and an examiner would attend site at 8 am on Friday 9 August 2013. Senior Groundsman/Gardener will meet them on site and has been given his mobile number.
12/08/2013	Looked liked attempt at burning out a vehicle in Grove Car Park. Found by SS when coming to work on Monday 12 August 2013. Phoned the police who advised that it had been reported as possibly acid thrown over the car on 10 August 2013.	12/0361	Reported by SS	15.08.13 PC Charlston came to office @ 10:45am to look at CCTV, but it is not loading, they will call SS on Monday to discuss as Active are coming to carry out work on 19.08.13 CR
between 9.30pm on Wed.7/08/13 & 9.30am on Thurs.8/08/13	AB35. Trebble Road. A Burglary from a Residential Garage. Entry gained and Fishing Tackle was stolen. Some of the property has been recovered and a possible suspect is being questioned.	XY/24942/13	Kent Community Messaging	
18/08/2013	Just before 5 pm. Youths kicked the side in the garage at the top of Swanscombe Park. Nothing stolen. Reported to police by Park Keeper. Vic Dines has managed to make a repair.	XY/26198/13	Reported by Park Keeper on Sunday 18/8/13	
19/08/2013	AB35 Milton Road Swanscombe. Burglary of shed between 8pm and 9pm on Sunday 19th August 2013. A silver 2010 Hybrid cycle was stolen.	XY26071/13	Kent Community Messaging	
30/08/2013	Break in at Mess Room and Store Room in Swanscombe Park. Theft of equipment, keys and phones.	XY/27350/13	Reported by Senior Groundsman/ Gardener	

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INCIDENT LOG: Sept 2013				
01/09/2013	Broken side window of OBS van whilst parked overnight at council offices	XY/27592/13	Reported by GB to PC Martin Reynolds	
02/09/2013	AB35 Swanscombe Street Swanscombe A Burglary between 1.30am and 3.40am on Monday 2nd September 2013. Entry was gained. Two colour TV's, a silver watch, a Motorola mobile phone and a ford mondeo car X940DJB were stolen.	XY/2757213	Kent Community Messaging	
02/09/2013	AB35 Broad Road Swanscombe A Garage Burglary between 4pm on Sunday 1st September and 1.15am on Monday 2nd September 2013. A green motorcycle was stolen from a garage together with a drill and multimeter and beer	XY/27569/13	Kent Community Messaging	

Chance to meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team

A new initiative to boost visible community policing has been launched by Ann Barnes, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner. During her election campaign, it was one of Mrs Barnes' main manifesto promises to introduce a fleet of 'mobile police stations' – and this pledge has now come to fruition with the introduction of Police Contact Points.

These are mobile police vans manned by Police Community Support Officers, which travel around mostly-rural parts of the county where it was felt that police presence needed a boost. The Police Contact Points allow members of the public to report crime or anti-social behaviour, discuss policing issues or concerns, and meet members of their neighbourhood policing team.

Each of the Police Contact Points will make their visits on a two-weekly basis, spending 90 minutes in each location. You can find out when a mobile police station will be at your local area by visiting <http://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/policecontactpoints.html>

For more information, visit: www.kent-pcc.gov.uk

Twitter: @AnnBarnesKPCC

Police Contact Point



Greenhithe

- Discuss any policing issues with a neighbourhood officer
- Expert crime prevention advice
- Have your say on policing in Kent by taking part in our survey
- Free property marking kits available

Available fortnightly on **Saturdays**
Ingress Park, Ingress Park Avenue,
Greenhithe DA9 9GN 5pm - 6pm

Dates in 2013:

- 14 September
- 28 September
- 12 October
- 26 October
- 9 November
- 23 November
- 7 December
- 21 December

Contact us:

- Visit our website www.kent.police.uk
- Follow us on twitter [@kentpolicedart](https://twitter.com/kentpolicedart)
- Find us on **Facebook**
- Call **999** in an emergency
- If you are deaf or speech-impaired, text 'Police' and your message to **60066**
- Call **101** to report a non-urgent crime or contact your local officer



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Introduction – Assistant Chief Constable Rob Price

'I am delighted to have joined Kent Police in June 2013 as Assistant Chief Constable, Local Policing and Partnerships. I have responsibility for neighbourhood policing, crime reduction, the Kent Special Constabulary and volunteers, anti-social behaviour and importantly, partnership working across the county.

'I have over 27 years' policing experience, mostly working in partnership from the ground upwards. I particularly understand and recognise the contribution of Parish Councils in making communities safer.

'In my role I will ensure that Kent Police maintain and develops its proud history of working with both voluntary and statutory partners and make sure that we engage with our communities in order to understand the issues and respond in a way that has the biggest impact. This will include continuing to use our many social media channels to both inform and get feedback, make good use of the newly-introduced Police Contact Points (featured in this newsletter) as well as recruit and deploy the Special Constabulary from and within our communities.

'I hope you find this newsletter of value in understanding what Kent Police does and how you can work with us to ensure that this proud county continues to be a great place to live, work and enjoy.'



Assistant Chief Constable
Rob Price

More ways for local people to meet neighbourhood officers

In July we started a countywide roll-out of Police Contact Points, a new way of bringing our officers to rural locations to meet with residents. From Wednesday to Sunday every week a local Police Community Support Officer visits a village or town in one of our mobile police vans for an hour and a half to discuss local community concerns and provide crime prevention advice.

There are 180 visits across the county every month on a fortnightly schedule, so there are always plenty of opportunities to drop by.

All the times and locations are available on the Kent Police [website](#) and we are also keeping everyone updated on dedicated Twitter accounts – you can even post a question in advance if it's more convenient.



Police Contact Points are already available in the East and West of the county, and will be introduced to North Kent on 4 September.

Let us know what you think about Police Contact Points by contacting us on communications@kent.pnn.police.uk with your feedback.



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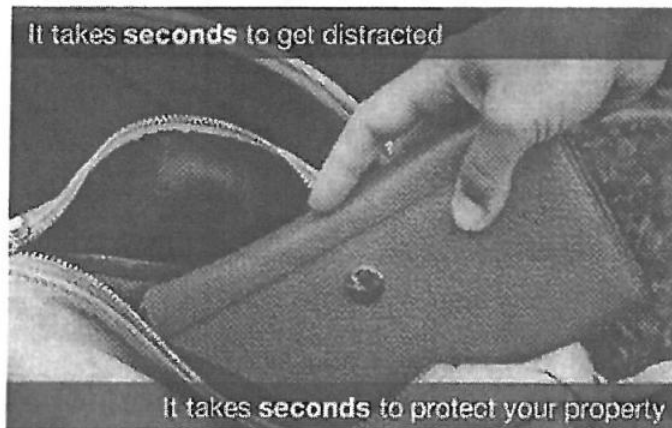
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Summer safety campaign underway

This summer we are spreading the word that while it only takes seconds for an opportunist thief to strike, equally it only takes seconds to keep your property secure, whether that is your vehicle, valuables or home. The campaign is running across social media sites and there are videos and posters to support the initiative.

Visit www.kent.police.uk to find out more.

We are also reminding people that it also only takes a second to lose their cool and end up with a criminal record. Our recent campaign to crackdown on alcohol related violence and



domestic abuse is yielding results and will continue throughout the summer. From Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August officers were again out and about at locations in town centres where historically violent crime

has been a problem – last weekend alone there were 138 arrests.

Watch our Tackling Violent Crime video



A very Special Constabulary

Under new management the Kent Special Constabulary has been going from strength to strength with the development of a number of new roles for our teams of dedicated volunteer officers.

Special Support Units, which deal with public order, anti-social behaviour and crime relating to the night time economy, have been rolled out across the force following a successful pilot. And a new scheme whereby Special Constables work alongside our Response officers (who deal with priority calls for help) has been trialled in Medway and Canterbury.

Newly appointed Special Constabulary Chief Officer Gavin McKinnon said: 'I am

delighted that we are diversifying the range of roles Special Constables can undertake within Kent Police. Our constabulary is made up of people from many different backgrounds and it is only right that we offer as wide a variety of opportunities to those who give up so much of their free time to support their community.'

Mr McKinnon has also negotiated a Council Tax rebate for Special Constables from the Police and Crime Commissioner. The rebate is the policing part of the tax and while it only amounts to about £140 a year on average, it is a symbolic 'thank you' to those who contribute their services for free.

The scheme comes into effect in April 2014.

More officers recruited

For the first time in several years the force opened up recruitment of police constables to external candidates. The recruitment campaign, which began in July, attracted thousands of applicants. Following the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in October 2010 the force had a challenging savings target to meet resulting in a recruitment freeze.

However, to ensure the number of officers in Kent is maintained at the right level to deliver effective policing, we are recruiting a small number of officers to start early next year to replace those who retire or leave.



Investing in neighbourhood policing

A new intake of Police Community Support Officers took to the streets this summer. The sixty officers were recruited as a result of a decision by the county's Police and Crime Commissioner to release funding. PCSOs play a key role in neighbourhood policing, the bedrock of the policing model here in Kent. Chief Constable, Ian Learmonth said: 'I know just how valued our PCSOs are and I am delighted that we have been able to ensure that they will continue to work closely with communities across Kent, dealing with anti-social behaviour and keeping our streets safe.'

Second year for Bluewater Safety Shop

Bluewater has provided officers with an empty shop for free as part of a month-long initiative to promote crime reduction and prevention to the thousands of people passing through the retail park.

The shop, located opposite Coffee Republic in Upper Thames Walk, was officially opened at midday on 5 August by the High Sheriff of Kent, Lord Colgrain. This is the second year Bluewater has hosted the safety shop and follows a successful pilot in 2011. Joining officers at the space are Kent County Council, Kent Fire and Rescue, Kent Wildlife Trust and Air Search.

Stolen vehicle scrap yards

Officers from the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate are asking the people of Kent to keep an eagle eye out for suspicious activity involving the storage and disassembling of stolen vehicles.

The appeal for vigilance comes just a month after SCD officers uncovered a possible stolen car and drugs ring at an industrial site in North Kent. Officers are asking Kent residents to report suspicious activity which may indicate locations are possibly being used to store and disassemble stolen vehicles.

This could include:

- loud noises and the sound of metal grinding throughout the day and night
- large vehicles such as vans and HGVs making collections 24/7
- vehicles, sometimes high-value, coming on to the site but never being seen again
- vehicles not belonging to the area being parked outside the premises
- fuel and tyres being stored on site
- vehicles having their number plates changed



Members of the public who believe they may have information on locations of this nature are urged to report it to Kent Police on **101** or Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Help us get criminals off the streets

We have introduced two new ways of asking for the public's help in getting criminals off the streets.

Caught on Camera is a new section on the Kent Police website where images of people we are keen to speak to in connection with a crime are displayed.

We are asking anyone who may know of the identity of the individual, who's face was caught on CCTV, to get in touch.

We have also introduced on our website our **Top Ten Most Wanted**. These are people whose identity we know but need to find out where they are.



Localism Act – new offence ‘not declaring personal interests’

Following amendments to **Section 34 of the Localism Act 2011** it is now a criminal offence for elected councillors not to disclose any personal interests (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests), and those of any spouse or partner, in any decisions made by Kent and Medway councils they are a part of. This includes members of borough, city, county, district, parish, town and unitary councils.

For more information view the Department for Communities and Local Government's Guide '**Openness and transparency on personal interests**'.

And finally...

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth has introduced a new Mission, Vision, Value and Priorities statement for the force which crystallises the key principles officers and staff work to and demonstrates publically our vision for policing and our commitment to the people of Kent.

As well as displayed on noticeboards internally, the vision is published at all our front counters and on our website.

Mr Learmonth said: 'I've undertaken a large number of roadshows and other engagement events within the force over the last year and I have been listening and taking stock. I meet the public regularly too, and one thing we all share is a desire to give and receive a first class policing service when people need us.'

To view a larger version of the Mission, Vision, Value and Priorities statement click [here](#).

Kent Police Mission

'Provide a first class service **protecting** and **servicing** the people of Kent'

Vision of the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner

Our joint vision is for Kent to be a safe place for people to live, work and visit. By protecting the public from harm, we will allow our communities to flourish and by working with the public and partners, we will provide a first class policing service that is both visible and accountable. We will retain neighbourhood policing as the bedrock of policing in Kent. We will be where the public need us and we will act with integrity in all that we do.

<h5>Kent Police Values</h5> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be fair, honest and open • We will be respectful and courteous • We will be honest and open • We will be respectful and courteous • We will be honest and open • We will be respectful and courteous 	<h5>Kent Police Priorities</h5> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be fair, honest and open • We will be respectful and courteous • We will be honest and open • We will be respectful and courteous • We will be honest and open • We will be respectful and courteous
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Contacting Kent Police on 101

You can call Kent Police on **101** to report non-urgent crimes or other issues which do not require an emergency response. The number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can also call **101** to speak to your local neighbourhood officer, to make a general enquiry or to make us aware of a policing issue where you live.

What classes as an emergency?

Calling **101** for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency.

An emergency is when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, someone is injured, being threatened or a life is at risk, or there is a traffic incident involving personal injury or danger.



Other ways to contact Kent Police

There are many other ways you can contact Kent Police to report a crime or get the latest news, advice and information.

For details, drop in to your local police station, talk to your neighbourhood officer or visit our website: www.kent.police.uk/contactus

To sign up for a copy of the fortnightly e newsletter for your area, visit www.kent.police.uk/enews



For non-urgent issues or to contact your local officer, call **101**



In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger, call **999**



If deaf or speech impaired, text '**police**' and your message to **60066**



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