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Dear Residents,

Team Fusion has been tasked by the Sandy Lane Board of Residents to conduct a review of current and emerging threats to the community, assessing existing mitigation measures and planning for the future. Our mission is to ensure that the community is safeguarded against evolving risks as times, technologies and global instability continue to evolve.

One of the main drivers behind this review is the increasing security threats on the Island. In recent years, Barbados has seen a rise in violent crime, with homicides increasing by 138 percent, from 21 in 2023, to 50 in 2024. According to the Barbados Crime Observatory, nearly 70 percent of these involved firearms. This is part of a regional trend driven by the influx of illegal weapons through porous borders, plus, a lack of security force resources and coordination. There has also been a rise in the use of firearms in other violent crime. Last year, there were 207 firearm-related offences reported, including 169 major crimes and 76 shootings. Whilst we recognise that many of these crimes occurred in less affluent areas to Sandy Lane, they are trends that must be considered.

At the same time, property crime, including burglary and theft, has increased in affluent areas alongside the growth in tourism and economic pressures. While national crime prevention efforts are underway, risks to communities like Sandy Lane remain elevated. It is highly likely that this upward trend will continue as the government and other regional authorities struggle to counter the overwhelming and hybrid nature of the threats.

In addition to crime-related concerns, the survey includes a set of questions regarding road conditions, driver and pedestrian behaviour, and other aspects of road infrastructure. This is intended to help us better understand residents' perceptions of risk related to structural road safety, including the potential for physical harm and vulnerabilities related to access into the community from outside.

A further section of the survey focuses on the issue of monkeys in Sandy Lane. This part explores residents' direct experiences with monkey-related disturbances, including property damage and safety concerns. There is also a growing belief within the community that tourism-related activities may be encouraging their movement into Sandy Lane. The survey invites your views on the scale of the issue and asks for your input on lawful control measures that could help manage these interactions for community wellbeing.

Enclosed in this email is a link to a survey for Sandy Lane residents and stakeholders, designed to capture the concerns that will inform the understanding phase of Team Fusion's security review. Your input will directly shape practical, effective strategies to enhance safety across the community. This is why we are asking you to take part in this survey to help underpin the next phases of strategy design. We thank you for your participation and look forward to working together to strengthen security for all the residents.

Yours sincerely,

Board of West Coast Limited



[Click here for the survey](#)