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Following an attack on the caretaker by a dissident intruder, doors were ordered to protect the security between the north and south blocks. The need for extra security has been heightened by the recent murder within 20 metres of Pavilion Court and the report on page two of last week's Folkestone Herald of tenants afraid to return to Pavilion Court. It had been hoped to squeeze the cost of the doors, circa £12,000 plus vat from the existing service charges but subsequent events have necessitated additional unbudgeted expenditure repairing the bay windows in the old Royal Pavilion Hotel. This latter work which has been demanded by Shepway District Council is likely to cost between £10,000 and £20,000. We will not know the exact cost until the structural engineer has inspected the work on 9 February 2011.

I would seem prudent to budget for a surcharge of at least £300 and possibly as much as £400. Your leases require payment within 28 days of billing so please be prepared.

You will no doubt be pleased to note that Mac's attacker has been charged with assault and two individuals have been apprehended for the murder.

Pair appear in court charged with murder

TRIBUTES have been paid to Osman Shazad, who had shown "potential and promise" at college.

The 17-year-old, of Marine Terrace, suffered fatal wounds in the street confrontation that involved more than 20 people on January 24.

Two teenagers appeared in court on Saturday charged with the ESOL English language student's murder.

Bill Fearon, principal of K College, said: "He showed great promise and potential and was an enthusiastic and friendly member of the group who

enjoyed his time at college."

He added: "He had a wide circle of friends in the Afghan community who will miss him very much, as will all his friends and teachers at college.

"We would like to send our condolences to his family and friends."

Fazulmaq Walizada, 18, from Folkestone, and a boy aged 17, from Ashford, have also been charged with violent disorder.

Both were remanded in custody by magistrates in Dover and appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on Tuesday.

Site of stab death 'is like a war zone'

Residents threatened and scared to return

Exclusive

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A FATHER says he feared for his life after being threatened with a knife in "war zone" Marine Terrace just 48 hours before an Afghan youth was stabbed to death.

Michael Straw is too scared to return to his flat and is now sleeping at a friend's house following the mass street brawl which killed Osman Shazad, 17.

Mr Straw, 50, said the area was riddled with drugs and alcohol abuse and had become a "no-go street" since he moved into the area in October.

His friend, Chris Harrington, 41, has also fled the area citing increasing tensions as the reason for ending his 10-month stay in the flats.

Ward councillor Emily Sanger said problems in the area were worsening and said it hadn't "looked nice for a long time".

Father-of-two Mr Straw, a former bus fitter, described the moment when he feared he would be stabbed.

Mr Straw, who lived on his own, said: "People there are out of control.

"There was a knock at the door and when I answered I was verbally abused and then threatened with a knife. I felt absolutely scared and I can't face going back.

"It's absolute chaos down there and is like a war zone."

Mr Harrington said his flat looked out on the scene of the stabbing.

He said: "I lived there until a couple of weeks ago but it's a dump, full of druggies and alkie's.

"You see all sorts of people coming and going at all hours, kids as young as 11. There's always lots of activity and noise and it was getting worse.

"People are scared and I'm glad I'm no longer there. It's a very rough area and I'd had enough.

"It is out of hand down there and this sort of thing was waiting to happen."

Ms Sanger agreed that the area is troubled.

She said: "It was ethnic minorities who caused this particular problem and they're obviously carrying knives and willing to stab each other.

"I have a 14-year-old son and I'm concerned that if he says one thing that's taken the wrong way then he could get mixed up in it all.



Murder investigation: Dozens of officers have been involved in the case

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Tension: Ian Johnstone's cartoon in the wake of the Folkestone stabbings

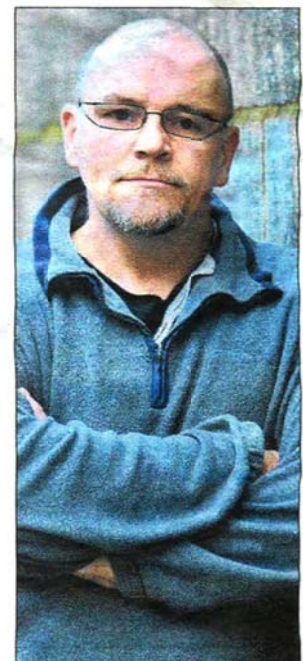
"When an area goes down it often does so rapidly. I love Folkestone but I bet those guests at the Burstin won't be coming back."

Police commander Chris Hogben has admitted there are tensions in the

area but says he has maintained a high officer presence in the locality.

Specialist community liaison officers are working the harbour to quell simmering tensions.

See Mr Hogben's column on page 4



Too scared to return: Michael Straw was threatened with a knife 48 hours before the stabbing

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