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Date: 7 November 2013
Ref: 3621/2013

Dear Ms. Brough

Re: Proposed drilling activity in the Dover District.

Thank you for your letter, dated 22nd October 2013, which was passed to me by Chief Constable Learmonth. Kent Police is aware of a number of planning applications relating to exploratory drilling in Kent. These planning applications are with the KCC Planning Committee and Kent Police have no control over their decision.

None of these sites has to date attracted any notable protest, but we recognise that is a possibility and should the situation change then Kent Police will facilitate lawful protest while also seeking to prevent crime and disorder.

Kent Police has a great deal of experience of policing peaceful protests and officers are specially trained to deal with events of this nature, to uphold the law and police protests fairly and even-handedly. As a further contingency, officers and staff have been liaising with our counterparts in Sussex Police to draw on their experiences following the incidents at Balcombe earlier this year.

Costs for policing protests are likely to be met by Kent Police, but no significant deployment is either necessary or anticipated at this time.

Chief Superintendent Roden, who is the appointed Gold Commander for the Operation, has arranged a briefing session on the 21st November 2013 to key partners on the preparations that are underway from a Police perspective.

You may be aware that an invitation was sent to Mr. Nadeem Aziz on the 30th October, which he declined. However, he has confirmed that the briefing will be attended by Mr. David Randall.

Yours sincerely

Paul Brandon

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cc: C/Supt. Alison Roden – Head of Tactical Operations.