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Dear Mr Taylor

Thank you for your letter of the 5th July which has been passed to me by Chief Constable Thornton's office.

I have recently replaced Chief Constable Curran as the national lead for Public Order and Public Safety following her retirement and I am aware of her previous correspondence with you.

I can inform you that Assistant Chief Constable Terry Woods from Lancashire Constabulary has now been appointed as the new NPCC lead for Shale Gas and Oil Exploration. This is a very recent development and therefore he will need a few weeks to become fully conversant with his new role. I shall be meeting with him shortly to discuss a variety of issues concerning the policing operations connected to Shale Gas and Oil Exploration.

One of the topics of our discussion will be the review of the guidance 'Policing linked to Onshore Oil and Gas Operations'. Once we have had that discussion, we will be better placed to provide an update on the timescales for the review, how the review will be conducted and what consultation will take place.

I can assure you that we always look to maintain good relationships with the local community affected either by drilling or protest, the protestors themselves and indeed the industry. As ACC Woods is a Lancashire officer, he will be uniquely placed to assess what needs to be done in this regard and I am confident that if there are any issues that need to be addressed, he will do so. As you would expect, we are looking to have a constructive and open dialogue with all those who may be impacted.

If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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