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Dear Chief Constable Giles York,

In November of this year, I visited a peaceful protest camp at Leith Hill against planned oil drilling in the area and the following day met with members of the Keep Billingshurst Frack Free group.

During this meeting and in a subsequent email dated 5 December, my constituents reported to me escalating levels of criminal stalking and harassment against them by individuals they believe to be shareholders of the drilling company, UK Oil and Gas (UKOG). They also told me that officers from both Surrey and Sussex Police have responded slowly and inconsistently to their numerous complaints. This is deeply concerning.

Campaigners at Horse Hill, Markwells Wood and Leith Hill have variously been the target of abusive comments on internet forums and stalking on Facebook and through the use of Google Street View by this group of UKOG investors. In the bundle of evidence I was sent, I was particularly concerned to see a screenshot of a statement made by "Tony13579" during an online chat which said, "*I have registered on the food rosta at Holmwood as Brenda at the vicarage and I'm going to cook them a vegan casserole with deadly nightshade berries.*" According to my constituents, your officers refused to investigate this threat on the grounds of cost, despite its severity.

Could you please explain to me the reason why a decision was taken not to investigate and confirm that all future decision making will be strictly in accordance with Home Office guidelines?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Keith Taylor, Green MEP, South East England.