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The Deputy May for Police, Fire and Crime
Jo Coles

Letter sent by email to: jo.coles@yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk

Dear Jo

Re: Linton on Ouse

North Yorkshire Police has established a robust governance structure from the outset in anticipation of the proposed development at Linton-on-Ouse. A formal Gold, Silver and Bronze command structure is now in place, providing strategic oversight, operational coordination and tactical delivery across all aspects of the response.

The force is actively engaged with key stakeholders and partners. Weekly engagement is taking place with both the Home Office and the local authority to ensure information sharing, situational awareness and coordinated planning. The Local Resilience Forum (LRF) has also been mobilised and is supporting multi-agency planning, contingency development and risk management activity.

Recognising the importance of community confidence, North Yorkshire Police is maintaining active engagement with local residents, parish representatives and community groups. Neighbourhood Policing Teams are developing community engagement and patrol plans which can be scaled proportionately in response to emerging risks, community concerns and operational demand.

A continuous risk assessment process is in place and remains a central component of the force's approach to support informed decision-making and proportional policing responses.

To support preparedness, North Yorkshire Police has engaged with a number of forces that currently police larger immigration and accommodation sites. This engagement is enabling the force to learn from established practice, understand potential future scenarios and identify effective operational approaches. In addition, the National Police Public Order Coordination Centre (NPPOC) is facilitating a national meeting for forces impacted by similar issues, providing a further opportunity to share learning and strengthen contingency planning.

A key challenge remains funding and cost recovery. Whilst updated Home Office guidance has recently been issued and is currently being reviewed by the Head of Finance, significant uncertainty remains regarding the extent to which additional policing costs will be recoverable should the site generate sustained demand. The force continues to record activity and expenditure to support any future claims.

Given the ongoing financial pressures facing policing, there may be an opportunity for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to support representations to Government and the Home Office regarding the need for clear,



sustainable and fully funded arrangements that support the realities of responding to potential regular, sustained and significant protest activity, which by its very nature can be a significant resource requirement. Should this occur in North Yorkshire, it would be inevitable that resources would be drawn from across the force and would represent a challenge. Although recent guidance is a positive step, there remains a realistic prospect that further financial support will be required if anticipated operational pressures materialise and local policing services are not to be adversely affected.

At present, North Yorkshire Police's focus remains on preparedness, partnership working, community engagement and maintaining public safety whilst ensuring that policing resources across the county continue to meet existing operational demands.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C Clarke".

Catherine Clarke
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