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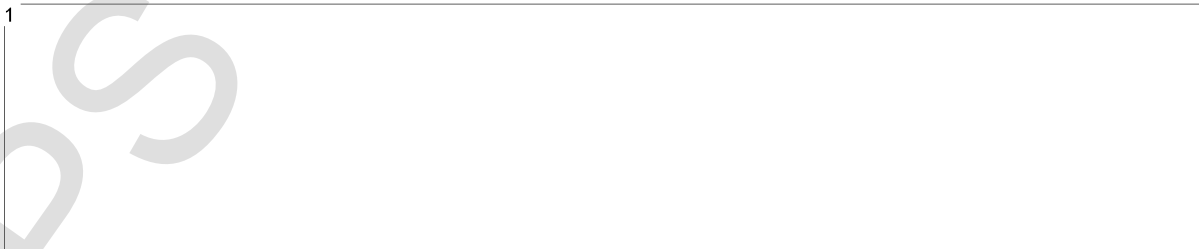
Dear Judith

Thank you for your letter of 27 July in which you further discuss potential police responsibilities for the Beijing Olympic Flame.

I can confirm that the Metropolitan Police will be an integral part of the team that plans the relay, working alongside the GLA, TfL and other partners, although we would not consider ourselves to be the overall lead agency. However, we do consider it appropriate that we should take the lead role in planning the convoy itself as part of the wider relay planning.

I know that you had some concerns over responsibility for ensuring the smooth and safe passage of the convoy and I can reassure you that we do see ourselves as having a key escort role in facilitating the movement of the convoy. However, in terms of traffic management requirements in support of the convoy movement, we would agree with you that the GLA will need to work with TfL and relevant boroughs to ensure that appropriate measures are in place.

In relation to the security of the flame, we do not see that this is a role for the police. We would, however, consider it entirely reasonable that we should provide a law enforcement response capability in the event of any security incidents.



I trust that this provides clarity around some of our expectations in relation to our role and also provides assurance that we very much look forward to continuing to

work alongside the GLA and other partners to ensure a successful Beijing Olympic Torch Relay in London.

Rick Algar

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Superintendent

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