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Sent: 24 February 2017 16:05
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

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With Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 February 2017 17:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

Good evening [REDACTED]

Hope you are well, please can I advise you of a temporary change of SPOC for Lancashire Fracking Information. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the meantime please can you use the following officers as
a point of contact for information requests:

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Sent: 16 January 2017 16:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Information on Preston New Road fracking protest [NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

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Okay thanks [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 January 2017 12:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Information on Preston New Road fracking protest

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your response.

I contacted your Force Intelligence Unit and spoke to [REDACTED] who very helpfully provided an update on events at Preston New Road.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 January 2017 20:34
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Information on Preston New Road fracking protest

Hi [REDACTED]

Would you drop [REDACTED] an email about this please. He is our [REDACTED] for the operation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2017 10:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Information on Preston New Road fracking protest

Good morning [REDACTED]

I am hoping that you can help me or point me in the direction of somebody who can with the enquire below.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 January 2017 16:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Information on Preston New Road fracking protest

I would be most grateful if you could help me out with some details relating to the current Preston New Road fracking protest. If I have not contacted the correct department please could you forward this on.

I work in the Public Order Team within the Police Powers Unit at the Home Office. Part of our role is to act as a liaison point with other Government departments relating to public order matters including protests.

We have been contacted by the Department of Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to see if we could find out any information about the ongoing protests linked to the Preston New Road development which we could share with them.

I have made it very clear to BEIS that the policing of protests is an independent operational matter for the police who have a duty to facilitate peaceful protest and we have no influence on any policing plans.

Any information we could use to reassure BEIS will be gratefully appreciated. If it is easier to speak over the phone please can you send me contact details and a convenient time I could get in touch. It will be useful for us to have a contact with yourselves as this is likely going to be an ongoing issue.

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Sent: 01 April 2017 11:22
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Subject: RE: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 March 2017 12:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for all your help.

The Policing Minister is meeting Cuadilla’s [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on Thursday 23 March to discuss policing at the Preston New Road.

[REDACTED]

If there is any other information that you think maybe be useful for the briefing I am pulling together for the Minister please let me know.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2017 13:17
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2017 09:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

[Redacted]

Many thanks for the update it is very helpful.

On average what kind of police resources are dedicated to managing this protest.

Regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 14 March 2017 18:12

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2017 08:21
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

Morning [REDACTED]

I would be most grateful if you could provide an update on events at Preston New Road.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 February 2017 08:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fracking SPOC for Lancashire

[REDACTED]

If you need anything please feel free to contact me.

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Good evening [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Sent: 07 February 2017 14:02
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Preston New Road Fracking protest

[REDACTED]

My number is [REDACTED]

Tomorrow any time after 0800 would be fine

Keithi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2017 14:00
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Preston New Road Fracking protest

Afternoon [REDACTED]

I have been passed your details from T/Chief Superintendent [REDACTED] and would be very grateful if you could help me with some information regarding the ongoing protests at the Cuadrilla Preston New Road site.

I work in the Public Order Team within the Police Powers Unit at the Home Office. Part of our role is to act as a liaison point with other Government departments relating to public order matters including protests.

I was very kindly help with details of the protest last month by [REDACTED] from your Force Intelligence Unit following an inquiry I received from Department of Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

I have made it very clear to BEIS that the policing of protests is an independent operational matter for the police who have a duty to facilitate peaceful protest and we have no influence on any policing plans.

I have been contacted by BEIS again who gave me some sketchy details about protests groups targeting contractors and suppliers to the site and publishing details on the internet, which have led to two contractors to pull out.

I understand that these reported activities fall outside of events happening at the protest site but I would be grateful for any information you maybe aware of as well as a brief update on the protest itself.

If it is easier to speak over the phone please can you send me contact details and a convenient time I could get in touch.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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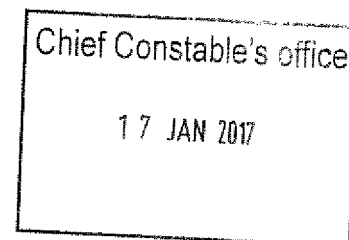


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Our ref: C15

11th January 2017

Chief Constable Steve Finnigan
Lancashire Constabulary Headquarters
Saunders Lane
Hutton Nr. Preston
PR4 5SB



Dear Chief Constable

I am writing on behalf of the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce which represents over 1600 members in the local business community to register deep concern at today's disruption to the local road network caused by anti-shale gas protesters on the A583.

The A583 was blocked for around 4 hours eastbound and for around an hour it was closed in both directions. Countless local people and businesses will have been inconvenienced. Even more seriously, the potential threat to life resulting from delays to ambulances and other emergency services as a result of the extensive delays caused would have been significant.

I realise that you have a difficult job in balancing the right to peaceful protest against the need to keep the Fylde Coast's major road infrastructure open, but today's events indicate to me that Lancashire Constabulary needs to reconsider its policing approach to further minimise the disruption to local people and commerce.

I am also conscious that several shale gas operators are gearing up across the country in 2017, and that there is a limited number of professional national protestors who are minded to cause real trouble at the expense of local people in the furtherance of their agenda.

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If Lancashire Constabulary is seen as a softer option in comparison with other police forces' appetite to tolerate the more extreme behaviours of this disruptive fringe, I fear that we will encourage more of this behaviour in our County. It's now time to take a robust line for the sake of law and order in Lancashire.

Yours sincerely



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10th February 2017

Chief Constable Steve Finnigan
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Dear Chief Constable

I am disappointed that our letter to you of 11th January remains unanswered, despite notification from your [REDACTED] West Division would look in to the issues raised.

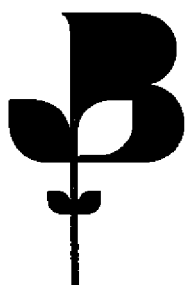
Since the original letter was written, further developments have occurred in relation to the protest action which has been experienced by local businesses supplying the Preston New Road Shale Gas exploratory site.

In recent days, protestors opposed to shale gas exploration in Lancashire have deliberately targeted small local companies with direct action blockades just because they have chosen to supply goods and services to the shale gas industry.

Whilst we fully accept that differing opinions on fracking exist, it is quite wrong on all counts to intimidate, harass, bully and disrupt small local firms who are simply getting on with their daily lawful business and keeping their employees in jobs.

It is our belief that police must, at the very least, adopt a firmer line against activists who are causing danger on the highways and to those who are taking direct action that prevents businesses trying to get on with their job.

I trust that you will take a strong stance in supporting local businesses and agree that much more needs to be done in protecting their rights to supply their customer base.



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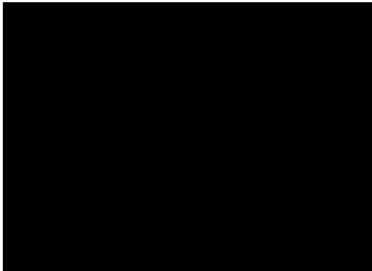
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I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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21st February 2017

Chief Constable Steve Finnigan
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Chief Constable's office

23 FEB 2017

Dear Chief Constable

I refer to my recent letters of 11th January and 10th February.

Yesterday, action by ant-fracking protestors predominantly from outside the local area caused the A583 to close yet again for nearly two hours.

The protestors, who had caused this disruption by locking themselves on to the fencing at Cuadrilla's site at Preston New Road from before 7am this morning, were not removed by officers of Lancashire Constabulary until well into the afternoon.

Whilst fully recognising the police must enact protocols to ensure protestors' safety, it is the Chamber's view that such policing should be done in a more timely and robust manner in order to minimise disruption to local businesses and to the general public.

We accept that the police have a difficult job in finding the correct balance between facilitating protest vs stopping interference to lawful operations on site and inconvenience to local people. However, businesses are becoming increasingly impatient with the ongoing disruption being caused in the main by people from outside the local area; and that attempts by Lancashire Police to develop tactics to 'meet the evolving

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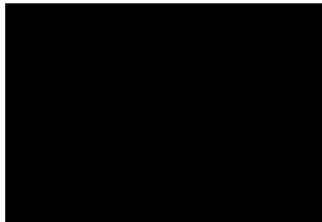
situation' continue to fall short of what is both proportionate and necessary in these circumstances.

Fundamentally, this isn't about fracking. This is a question of preventing dangerous behaviour on a busy 50 mph road which has the potential to put life at risk and the inconvenience to local communities and businesses.

We would ask you to adopt a firmer line against those who are taking direct action in order to prevent the continued and significant disruption that the business community and the general public are having to endure.



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Our ref: C15

27th February 2017

Ben Wallace MP
Minister of State for Security
The Home Office
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London
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Dear Ben

Further to your previous request, please find enclosed copies of the correspondence received from Lancashire Constabulary to my letter of 11th January. As you can see, the Chief Constable did not respond directly.

Since this initial correspondence, the disruption caused by anti-fracking protestors has continued to blight businesses and local residents alike with no sign of abating. I have written two further letters to the Chief Constable (copies enclosed) calling for timelier and more robust intervention by the police but as yet we have had no response.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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