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**Sent:** 04 February 2015 11:31  
**To:** Laird, Karl  
**Cc:** Yvette Garvey; Clive Robinson  
**Subject:** RE: Law Commission - Firearms Offences Scoping Project  
Karl

I can do the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> February any time but preferably around 1100hrs to allow for train travel.  
Let me know  
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**From:** Laird, Karl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 February 2015 15:17  
**To:** Joanne Chilton  
**Subject:** RE: Law Commission - Firearms Offences Scoping Project

Jo

That would be great, thank you. Perhaps we could meet towards the end of February? Collating those views would be immensely valuable and we can ensure we feed them into the process.

Thanks again.

All the best

Karl

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**From:** Joanne Chilton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 February 2015 12:14  
**To:** Laird, Karl  
**Subject:** RE: Law Commission - Firearms Offences Scoping Project

Karl

I am in London most weeks so if we could tie in a meeting with yourselves when I am next there that will save you a trip to Birmingham, unless you want to come and see what NABIS do, then you are welcome to visit.

I will represent the Police and report back to Mr Thompson. I'm currently visiting all the key gun crime forces so I can collate views on issues with the legislation and draft a composite response from the Police.

For your consideration

Jo

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**From:** Laird, Karl <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** 03 February 2015 10:22:17  
**To:** Joanne Chilton  
**Subject:** RE: Law Commission - Firearms Offences Scoping Project

Dear Jo

Thanks for getting in touch.

The firearms project is part of the Law Commission's 12<sup>th</sup> Programme of Law Reform and was suggested as being a priority by, amongst others, the CPS, NABIS and the MPSFFU. The aim of the project is to remedy the deficiencies in the current legislative framework, with particular focus on closing the loopholes that are increasingly being exploited by the criminal fraternity and which endanger public safety. We formally began the project at the beginning of January, after receiving the Home Secretary's approval. We are currently meeting stakeholders in order to identify shortcomings with the current law and are keen to have your views and those of ACPO on what these shortcomings are and what solutions there might be to these. If it would assist, we would be more than happy to travel to Birmingham to brief you more fully on the project.

The scoping consultation paper will publish in the summer. Its aim is to seek views on the merits of the solutions to the problems we have identified. We intend to conduct a symposium in September so that our stakeholders have the opportunity to air their views on the paper, before the final scoping report is published in March 2016. It would be great to have a representative from the police there, if possible.

Thanks again.

All the best

Karl

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**From:** Joanne Chilton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 February 2015 15:54  
**To:** Martin Parker; Laird, Karl  
**Cc:** 'Parker, Paula'  
**Subject:** RE: Law Commission - Firearms Offences Scoping Project

Karl

I understand that Mr Thompson will be asking me to lead on the Police response for your review. If you ask your research assistant to send me the e mail with your enquiries then I will draft a response and ensure Mr Thompson is fully sighted.

For your consideration

Jo

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**From:** Martin Parker  
**Sent:** 02 February 2015 15:26  
**To:** 'Laird, Karl'  
**Cc:** Joanne Chilton; 'Parker, Paula'  
**Subject:** RE: Law Commission - Firearms Offences Scoping Project

Karl,

I'll look at my diary, but it's probably worth conferring with some of my colleagues to arrange a meeting with a number of us from NABIS & the NCA, so we can cover different areas. Let me know what you think.

I'll get my boss to link up with Mr Thompson.

regards, Martin Parker

NABIS Lead Scientist

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**From:** Laird, Karl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 February 2015 14:54  
**To:** Martin Parker  
**Subject:** Law Commission - Firearms Offences Scoping Project

Dear Martin (if I may)

My name is Karl Laird and I am the lawyer at the Law Commission who will be working on the firearms offences scoping project. I got your details from our Commissioner, Professor David Ormerod QC, who I believe you met at a Home Office convened roundtable on antiquities. It would be very useful to have the benefit of your expertise on what the most pressing issues with the current legislative regime are. If you are in London in the near future, perhaps we could arrange a meeting? In the meantime, I wonder if I might ask a favour. We have been attempting to make contact with the ACPO lead on Gangs and the Criminal Use of Firearms, DCC Dave Thompson. Unfortunately we have yet to succeed. Do you or any of your colleagues know of a way to contact DCC Thompson directly? His staff officer has yet to respond to my research assistant's email enquiries.

Any assistance you can give would be much appreciated.

All the best

Karl

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