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Dear Mayor Khan,

I write in connection to our long-running exchanges relating to the retention of Hornchurch Police Station.

You will be aware of my vehement opposition to the original decision to dispose of Hornchurch Police Station in 2017. As there has not been any progress on implementing the deal between Havering Council and MOPAC for the sale of the station, with a portion of the site to be leased back to MOPAC, you will also be aware of my view that the only way that the station's long-term future can be secured is by it remaining under the Met's ownership. Over 1200 constituents have backed our local campaign and signed a petition to confirm they agree.

I recently discussed this with the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Mark Rowley QPM. The Commissioner advised that the disposal had been put on hold while a review of the Met's Estate Strategy is undertaken to ensure it aligns with his own strategy and priorities for the Met.

While the outcome of this review has not yet been published, this week you issued a statement advising that you have written to the Commissioner to say that 'the case for now retaining more police station sites across the capital is strong'. I very much agree with this statement, which would have been just as accurate in 2017 when the closure of Hornchurch Police Station, Uxbridge Police Station and 36 others was first proposed by your administration.

As you have confirmed that you have been 'listening to local residents and campaigners in places like Uxbridge', I would be grateful if you would be able to provide further clarity on the police stations you have asked the Metropolitan Police to retain and confirm if Hornchurch Police Station is among the list.

*With kind regards,
Julia*

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