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Dear

As you are aware, the Commissioner selected me for promotion to the rank of Commander in November last year and I am currently 'in post' as the Head of Operations for No 2 Area (North West). I have delayed writing to you formally as the approval and ratification of my Fixed Term Appointment has been the subject of lengthy procedural wrangling between the Metropolitan Police Service and the MPC and I wanted to be in a position to give you firm information about policing arrangements for Tottenham.

Let me say from the start that I feel real regret at giving up the command of Tottenham Division after only one year. My promotion came as a complete surprise to me and when, back in November 1994, I said that I anticipated remaining in Haringey for the remaining years of my service, I truly expected that would be the case. I have an immense affection for the Tottenham - I find it a vibrant and friendly area despite all its problems where people of good will, who are in all positions of influence, can make a tremendous difference. To that extent I have been at pains to ensure that I can continue to have a link with the operational policing of the borough in order to impact policy at the all important strategic level.

My Assistant Commissioner, Baden Skitt, has therefore agreed that I will have an inspectorial overview of the activity on Tottenham and Hornsey Divisions (and incidentally in the boroughs of Barnet and Hertsmer as well). Clearly day to day responsibility will fall to the divisional commanders at both places but I will retain my position on the Upper Lee Valley Partnership, will continue to develop initiatives with the North London TEC, and of course will continue as co-sponsor of the vital local initiative on Stop and Search which you and I launched last year. You will see that my intention is to be as closely involved in Haringey as I ever was.

On a personal level, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed working with you and that I sincerely hope we will continue to work together for the people of Haringey. Members of Parliament are in bad odour at the moment, not least because many are

perceived, rightly or wrongly, to be insincere. In all my dealings with you insincerity is not a charge that could be laid at your door. May I suggest that as soon as my successor at Tottenham is appointed, whoever he (or she!!) might be, then perhaps Sharon and yourself could join us for lunch in order that I can make the necessary introductions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

David GILBERTSON