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Dear Alison

Capital investment in Plymouth's policing estate

Further to our conversations about the above, I have been asked by the City Council to place on record a formal request for you to prioritise the above. We have noted the capital investment in the police estate in Exeter, Bodmin, Liskeard, Okehampton and Camborne, and the plans for new facilities in Barnstaple. This investment in fit for purpose and energy efficient policing infrastructure is to be commended, but also highlights a growing contrast with the facilities available in Plymouth. The last new provision in the city was the Devonport local police station in 2013 which brought welcome improvements in environmental standards and operational benefits, but with no public access and without contributing significantly to the strategic policing infrastructure of the city.

As you are well aware, Plymouth is a key policing centre for the force, providing a base for around 430 uniformed officers and 35 civilian staff and individuals from partner organisations. The city also hosts units providing critical support to many force-wide capabilities including Armed Response, 999 call handling, and multi-agency functions such as the Public Protection Unit. Despite the strategic importance of these functions, the city's two main police stations at Crownhill and Charles Cross have remained largely unimproved since their construction in the 1960s and 1970s. Their design and environmental standards lag considerably behind modern expectations and their suitability for modern crime investigation, custody provision and other services is questionable.

The City Council has a strong reputation for collaborative work with partners in regenerating physical infrastructure, and has ambitious plans for responding to the climate emergency and carbon reduction targets.

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We stand ready to work with your colleagues to address the fact that police infrastructure in the city is not fit for 21st century policing, and I ask you to respond positively to this offer by prioritising the modernisation of the policing infrastructure in your capital plans.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tudor Evans', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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