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Dear Sheila,

**Ref. an application to the City of Leicester Council for an order prohibiting a public procession under Section 13 Public Order Act 1986**

I enclose an application for an order to prohibit a public procession under Section 13 Public Order Act 1986. As you know the English Defence League (EDL) proposes to process and assemble within the city of Leicester on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This has attracted a notice to counter protest by Unite Against Fascism (UAF).

I outline my summary for making the application in the documentation accompanying this letter. I fear that to allow a procession to take place will bring about serious disorder, threaten to disrupt the life of the community and thereby endanger the community cohesion that the city has enjoyed over many years.

Clearly the intelligence picture and threat assessment continues to develop as we approach the due date. However, it was necessary for me to consider making the application at this stage as officers and staff within my Force require planning and preparation time in order to manage the procession and/or assembly professionally and effectively. It would be helpful to know whether the city council is of the view that an application to ban the procession should be made to the Home Secretary or not.

I look forward to learning of the Council's decision.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Cole'.

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