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The Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
Home Secretary  
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Dear Home Secretary

Thank you for copying me into your letter of 15 July to CC David Shaw, regarding the proposed deployment of water cannons by Police in England and Wales.

As you are aware, in August 2011 the communities of Merseyside saw a period of localised public disorder, over a period of three days. The subsequent policing operation is locally referred to as 'Operation Derwent'.

The attached response to the eight questions raised in your letter, is provided in the context of Operation Derwent, but is also influenced by the wider experiences of Merseyside Police in its management of past public order and disorder events.

Yours sincerely

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