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Sir David Thompson QPM DL
Chief Constable of West Midlands Police
Police Headquarters
West Midlands Police Lloyd House,
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Dear Chief Constable Sir David Thompson,

(Via email only: david.thompson@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

Re: Letter of Thanks and Support

As chair of West Midlands Hindu Forum, we would like to thank you and your colleagues on ensuring our Navratri festival went ahead without incident, following incidents of Hindu hate in Leicester and Birmingham.

The reassurance patrols and visits help prevent disorder and reassured the community of your commitment to protect us from thuggery and mob rule.

We have been asked to share with the community, how the Smethwick investigation is progressing.

Could you therefore please provide a brief report on, how many arrests have been made, how many are charged with hate crime offence, public order offences etc?

The community is still naturally in shock, a brief report would help the community to come to terms with the trauma they have suffered and more importantly provide reassurance that it may act as a deterrent against any similar future incident.

With Diwali around the corner, we hope your officers and patrols will again be visible during this period and we would be most grateful for your confirmation. However, we are ever mindful of mob rule returning once Diwali is over and we would therefore like to discuss how we go forward. Hence, we look forward to hearing from as soon as possible.

For your Information:

Diwali this year is on 24th October

Hindu New Year is on 25th October, but many places will celebrate on 26th October.

Kind Regards and Best Wishes

Yours sincerely

Ashvin Patel

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