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Dear Ms Rudd

I am writing to you following the conclusion of the recent consultation undertaken by MOPAC regarding police services across London. This consultation included a proposal to close Bexleyheath Police Station which was strongly opposed within our local community.

We have expressed our concerns regarding the retention of this service within the enclosed document but when doing so, have been mindful that:

- The Metropolitan Police Service has had to make £600 million pounds worth of savings since 2010, and will be required to find another £400 million pounds in savings by the end of the decade.
- As a result of the Government's new funding formula, London's £1.90 billion grant from Central Government in 2017/18 could fall in future years.
- The Government is going to lift the public sector pay cap for the police and prison officers. Bexley's Labour Group welcomes this additional pay for hard working police officers but recognise that the Government has not supplied any additional funding towards this pay rise.

I should therefore be grateful if you could consider the points raised in the document, and in order to ensure local services, police numbers and police stations are retained, that you do all within your power to ensure the Mayor's office receives additional funding in the forthcoming funding settlement.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Francis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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