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Dear Mr Coppinger,

Thank you for your letter of 4 May inviting me to visit the Cleveland police area. At this time I am unable to accept your invitation, but I am grateful for the overview you have provided on the work that you and stakeholders have been involved with in policing Cleveland.

In your letter you draw my attention to funding issues faced by Cleveland. I am grateful to you and other police leaders for your engagement with the Policing Minister ahead of this year's settlement. I note your messages about the challenges that your force faces around changing demand and resources and while I am sure that you welcome the opportunity to raise additional funding for your force, I understand the concerns you raise about the impact of precept inequality across England and Wales. I am sympathetic to the challenges faced across the policing sector and I hope that we can continue to work together productively to address these issues.

Overall, this is a strong and comprehensive settlement that will increase funding by up to £450m across the police system for 2018/19 and will enable you to raise an additional £2.3m to protect or improve frontline policing in Cleveland.

I am also pleased to have provided £3.7m to Cleveland Police to help meet the additional costs of Operation Pandect and will look to making a decision on your application for funding in 2018/19 in due course.

The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP