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Matt Storey
Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

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Leader of Redcar and Cleveland Council

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Dear Alec and Matt

I would like to start this letter by thanking your teams once again for all their incredible efforts and bravery in working to keep our communities safe in the last few awful days.

I am writing to you in the light of the disorder we saw in Haswell last night after cars were set of fire and there was serious disorder at a balloon release.

Please can we explore what powers are available both to Redcar and Cleveland Council and to Cleveland Police to ensure we do not see scenes like this in our community in the coming days and weeks.

I know you are both acutely aware and as concerned as I am about our communities feeling even more unsafe at the moment. There are likely to be a number of flashpoints in the coming days which would ask you to pre-empt. Please can you explore the use of dispersal orders, public space protection orders, the seizing of illegal bikes and quads as well as public information campaigns.

Seeing illegal bikes and quad bikes rampaging, and fires and fireworks being set off only heightens people's sense of fear and lawlessness.

While I understand people are grieving and upset, we cannot allow illegal activity to be excused and unchecked. I know you and your teams will feel the same.

Our community has a right to feel safe and that the law is being fully upheld. I will continue to play my part in working to secure further resource and support.

Thank you and your teams in advance for all your endeavours in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna Turley".

Rt Hon Anna Turley MP