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COUNCIL MEETS POLICE

The Leader of Haringey Council, Cllr Bernie Grant, issued the following statement on Thursday October 17th:

"Leading Councillors met with Deputy Assistant Commissioner Richards and his senior officers this evening to establish some dialogue on the events at Broadwater Farm since October 6th and the future policing of this area.

We had hoped to get some assurances from the police that they would not seek a high level presence tomorrow at Mrs Jarrett's funeral. I am pleased to say that D.A.C. Richards is committed to respecting the emotions of local people concerning the funeral, and would ensure no interference, no vehicles along the route and no house to house enquiries on Broadwater Farm on Friday.

We stressed our concern at the continuing high levels of policing on the estate and some of the methods of enquiry being used, which are causing distress to a number of residents. We were disappointed that D.A.C. Richards saw a high level of policing as necessary for the foreseeable future, despite accepting that there had been absolutely no incidents of crime or harassment of the police since the night of October 6th.

D.A.C. Richards would not accept the problems created by some questioning, including asking the country of origin of residents, but would take back our concern at the questioning of young children.

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He defended the forcible entry into property and would not give an undertaking that Council staff would be contacted before forcible entries were made.

However, on the Council's part we will discuss fully the police requests for assistance with their current inquiries at Broadwater Farm and other policing matters in Haringey.

We hope that the initiative of this meeting will lead in time to positive responses from the police to community needs. We made clear our commitment to consultation with the police over the establishment of a consultative committee and our panel of Councillors will meet with D.A.C. Richards for further discussions.

Haringey Council is determined to foster better community and police relations, and at our suggestion there will be a further meeting in two weeks time."

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