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Dear Peta,

Thank you for your letter of March 2nd received by me today. I struggle to see how the PCC could in any way have “better informed” my subsequent speeches in Parliament – unless of course anyone from the PCC was born and raised in this constituency and knew people involved in, affected by and murdered by the events of June 2nd last year.

I recognise the efforts of the PCC in trying to help certain constituents – but you should be aware that a great number of people believe that the PCC has actively sought to ‘protect’ the media from criticism rightly directed towards certain media outlets for the frankly despicable way in which they reported these events.

I draw your attention to an e-mail sent to Stephen Abell on 28th February where I wrote:

“I appreciate the PCC’s move to advise Editors following HM Coroner’s request – it is most welcome. I intend to make a similar request (indeed have already had the discussion with some local media) – would you be able to expedite this for me?”

I have yet to receive a reply to this request.

I look forward to our meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Jamie Reed
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