

Mr and Mrs Roberts,

We would like to thank you for attending this mediation today 21 December 2006.

We have considered what has been said on your behalf and what you have said at the mediation today.

It was never our intention or wish to prevent you from having your own legitimate opinions or beliefs or from expressing them. We received certain information which we felt raised concerns and consequently we sent experienced and skilled police officers to your home.

The decision to send the Officers to your home was made after consideration. However, on reflection, we do believe that further enquiries should have been made before they were deployed. Had those enquiries been undertaken then we accept that it is very likely our approach would have been different and that Officers would not have been deployed. We understand the distress that you felt at and following the visit from the Police Officers and we regret that. We fully accept that we now know that you never committed or threatened any crime.

Since this event we have reviewed our policies and have taken account of your concerns. We have revised them to meet our objectives whilst recognising the rights of the community to their views.

Our draft revised policy recognises that free speech is an important aspect of our society and that public debate should not be stifled.

In the circumstances we regret the upset we understand you have felt and offer this apology and would welcome your input into further development of our policies, should you so wish.