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Dear Ian

Thank you very much for your letter of 14 September 2020 in which you set out the views of Greater Manchester Police with regard to jurisdiction responsibilities and in particular, primacy of events policing at the Manchester Arena.

BTP recognises the position you have set out and has also given due regard to the emerging interpretations of the expert panel supporting the Inquiry. It is absolutely right that there is an unequivocal agreement between our respective organisations and no doubt to which has absolute responsibility and accountability for the Arena and any 'shared access' spaces.

I support your proposal that we work together to understand the respective legislative, policy and Strategic Policing Requirements that will inform any published position but understandably we will need to include the view of the British Transport Police Authority and Department for Transport when setting out any memorandum.

However, while we would be amenable to developing an understanding of how to address the observations of the various parties that have already offered comment, it seems prudent that we wait until the Chairman has considered all of the evidence, given his assessment and made his recommendations before we reach or express a determined position.

Please be assured we remain committed to working alongside you in supporting the Inquiry and implementing its findings and if you would like to nominate someone from GMP to develop the position as set out I will similarly arrange for a BTP senior leader to support the construction of any proposition.

Yours sincerely,

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