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Dear Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgraves,

We would like to introduce XR Peace to you and have attached a leaflet that you may already be aware of. We are an integral part of XR and will be taking one of the Autumn Rebellion blockading sites on 7th October. XR Peace have chosen The Embankment near to the Ministry of Defence and also to New Scotland Yard because we wish to make public the immense carbon resources that the military use and to discuss the ways in which our societies can be restructured to allow us to reduce the terrible impact we are having on the living planet that is destroying people’s lives and their environment and driving many species to extinction.

We will be having lectures, seminars, workshops and performances that are all aimed at exploring the many linked issues between war, poverty, resource conflicts, militarised policing, increased refugees needing asylum, etc.

Our protest will be completely nonviolent and respectful and although we will be blocking the road we will make sure that one lane can easily and quickly be cleared for genuine fire and ambulance services or for any serious blue light incident. This would be on the understanding that these protesters would be able to move back into their blockading positions after the vehicles had gone through. We would like to talk to you about communications during the 2 weeks so that we will be able to reassure our activists that when blue light emergency vehicles come through it is genuine and we would like to be warned at the earliest opportunity to enable our rebels to clear the way as speedily as possible. We can provide telephone numbers so you can provide as much notice as possible.

Our protest and demonstration to ensure that the existential threat of climate chaos is responsibly addressed by all parts of our society will be completely peaceful and we will be respectful and courteous to everyone. We will of course expect the police to also treat us with respect and courtesy and if you feel the need to arrest us to do so in a calm and careful manner.

It would be good to speak to you face to face so we know each other before the start of the Rebellion and discuss any issues and address any possible risks to life and health. We would like to meet with you as soon as possible and hope you will contact us through our email address at xrpeace@gn.apc.org to let us know where and when we can meet.

We have attached the Rebel Code which everyone attending our blockade will have been given.

Thanking you for your attention,