



The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP
Home Secretary
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Dear Sajid

I am writing to you regarding an inquiry into the policing of events at the Orgreave coking plant on 18th June 1984 and its aftermath. As you will be aware, the site of the Orgreave plant is in my constituency.

We are approaching the second anniversary of the Government's announcement that it would not hold an inquiry into Orgreave. This announcement followed a protracted process in which campaigners were encouraged to believe that an inquiry would be forthcoming and that ongoing discussions related to its form, rather than its commissioning.

As a consequence, their disappointment, and my own, at the Government's refusal to pursue an inquiry was profound. The intervening two years have not lessened this disappointment, nor the determination to see the truth, finally, revealed.

The effects of Orgreave continue to linger over my constituency and over coalfield communities more generally. There remains a deep and abiding mistrust of South Yorkshire Police.

South Yorkshire Police is in the process of rebuilding, following the revelations of its failure to adequately tackle child sexual exploitation in Rotherham. I strongly believe this process cannot be completed whilst the spectre of Orgreave hangs over the public's relationship with its

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police force. I remain convinced that an inquiry into Orgreave is an essential part in restoring public trust.

I would therefore be grateful if you would consider meeting with myself and Orgreave campaigners to discuss this matter further.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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