

## **APPENDIX E:**

### **Terms of Reference for Parliament Square Demonstration**

Title: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PARLIAMENT SQUARE INVESTIGATION

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#### 1. Background

On 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004 (15/09/2004), a meeting of the Countryside Alliance was held in Parliament Square, Westminster, London to demonstrate against the Government's bill to ban foxhunting. During the course of the demonstration, there were a number of incidents of disorder. There have been numerous complaints made against the police in relation to the alleged use of excessive force.

#### 2. Terms for Reference

The Independent Police Complaints Commission will investigate the alleged allegations of excessive force contained in those complaints and any other incidents of excessive force revealed in the course of those investigations by CCTV and other evidence. The investigation will be confined to the following scenes:

##### Scene 1

Area of Parliament Square at its junction with St Margaret's Street and

##### Scene 2

Parliament Square at its junction with Broad Sanctuary.

The time parameters for the investigation will be 15.00hrs (1500) to 17.30hrs (1700).

3. The IPCC will not independently investigate any allegation outside the scenes as described above unless the allegation is one of serious assault, which will be defined as ABH or above.

The intrusion into the Palace of Westminster will not form part of the investigation.

Any allegations made which do not fall within the designated scenes as above will be referred to the Metropolitan Police Service, with a view to a managed investigation.

#### 4. Risk Assessment

This investigation is considered a Critical Risk to the IPCC for the following factors:

- Independent Investigation
- Complex case involving multiple complainants
- Significant National media interest
- Parliamentary interest and implications
- Interest of Stakeholders at National level, i.e. Countryside Alliance

5. Media

The incident received widespread National Media coverage. The media will be updated as to the progress of the investigation at relevant times.

6. Oversight

The Deputy Chair of the IPCC, responsible for London & SE will assume the role of Commissioner in this investigation. The Senior Investigating Officer will brief him at regular intervals.