



Diamonds aren't this girl's best friend

■ The supermodel Lily Cole is back in the firing line over her job as the "face" of the diamond firm, De Beers.

Today, the pressure group Survival International is flying two Kalahari bushmen to London as part of its campaign against De Beers' mining practices in Botswana.

Although they have formally requested a meeting with Cole, left, her agency, Storm Models, is refusing to play ball.

"Lily is at school, immersed in her studies, and it's also the peak of our season" reads the agency's response. "So we haven't [got] the time to catch up."

That hasn't cut much ice with Survival. "We're in town all week, and would be quite happy to bring the Bushmen to Lily at school," they say.

"It's funny how often she seems to have spare time when a lucrative modelling assignment comes along."

Last night, De Beers launched its new range at a bash sponsored by Peroni lager. No doubt Miss Cole was busy with her homework.