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Dear Beatrice,

Thank you for the letter dated 19 May 2026 addressed to Chief Executives across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire regarding Local Government Reorganisation and the proposed Structural Change Order process.

Broxtowe Borough Council has carefully considered the matters raised within the correspondence, including the questions relating to governance arrangements, joint committees and representation across the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire area to assist in the potential development of the Structural Change Order.

As previously outlined in correspondence sent to the Department on 24 October 2025 and 28 November 2025, Broxtowe Borough Council continues to hold significant concerns regarding the current approach being taken towards Local Government Reorganisation within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. These concerns remain unchanged and are fundamental to the Council's position at this stage of the process.

The Council's position is not one of opposition to Local Government Reorganisation in principle. However, Members remain firmly of the view that the current process requires pause and further consideration to ensure that any future proposals are genuinely service-led, evidence-based and reflective of the needs and views of local residents and communities.

As referenced in previous correspondence, Broxtowe Borough Council undertook a comprehensive resident consultation exercise regarding Local Government Reorganisation. A total of 12,507 residents responded, with 71% stating that they did not support any of the options being proposed at that time. The scale of this response significantly exceeded previous consultation exercises undertaken by the Council and demonstrated the strength of feeling amongst residents regarding the current proposals and process.

Given this clear expression of public concern, the Council believes it would be inappropriate to provide definitive views on governance mechanisms associated with implementation, including detailed arrangements relating to joint committees and representation, whilst these wider concerns regarding the process itself remain unresolved.

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Notwithstanding this position, the Council does wish to highlight a broader concern arising from previous Local Government Reorganisation arrangements implemented elsewhere across the country. Experience from other areas has demonstrated that governance structures established through joint committees have not always provided proportionate or balanced representation for borough and district councils. This raises a significant concern regarding the ability of district and borough residents to have an appropriately weighted voice during transitional decision-making processes.

Should any joint committee arrangements ultimately be progressed within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, it is important that governance and representation arrangements properly reflect population distribution and ensure fair and proportionate representation for all communities affected by the process.

The Council is also concerned about the wider democratic implications arising from Local Government Reorganisation proposals and the potential reduction in local representation. Experience from previous iterations of Local Government Reorganisation elsewhere in the country has demonstrated that the ratio of constituents per councillor can increase significantly, in some cases moving from approximately 2,500 residents per councillor to 5,000 residents per councillor. The Council believes this has the potential to materially impact the ability of elected Members to provide effective support and community representation for residents.

Broxtowe Borough Council remains committed to constructive engagement with partners and Government throughout this process. However, the Council continues to believe that a pause and review of the current programme is necessary to ensure that future arrangements are driven by service need, democratic accountability and the clearly expressed views of local residents.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zulfiqar Darr', written in a cursive style.

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