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Dear Cllr Radulovic,

Thank you for your letter of 17 September to the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, regarding local government reorganisation in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham and the resources committed by Broxtowe Borough Council to the programme. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I am grateful to you for getting in touch and for sharing your concerns. To ensure you receive a substantive and prompt response, I have instructed officials in the Department to provide an update on your specific concerns, which is appended.

Thank you again for writing on this important matter and I hope this information clarifies the position. If that is not the case, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Cllr Milan Radulovic MBE,

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 September. I have been asked to reply.

The Government is committed to reforming the state and devolving power from Westminster to local communities. Achieving good growth requires a fundamental rewiring of the way our country works, surrendering power that for too long has been held in Westminster and Whitehall, and returning it to people and the places where they live and work. Strong and sustainable local government is vital to delivering these ambitions. Local government reorganisation can help simplify structures, strengthen local leadership and create councils that are better placed to work with mayors and strategic authorities to deliver for the communities they serve.

The new Prime Minister has been clear that the Government will listen carefully to the concerns raised about recent local government reorganisation decisions. As a new administration, the Government wants to pause and reflect before implementing final decisions, ensuring that the programme is aligned with the wider vision for reforming the state and devolving power to local communities, and that decisions command broad support wherever possible.

The Government has withdrawn decisions in 4 areas and paused activity in a further 14, including Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, while Ministers carry out the review. The Government recognises the need to provide councils and communities with certainty as quickly as possible. Extended delay is in no-one's interest, and we will set out the next steps at the earliest opportunity. As announced on 7 September 2026, elections scheduled to take place in May 2027 will go ahead to existing councils.

The Government recognises the significant commitment of time, expertise and resources that councils have invested in pursuing local government reorganisation. The Government appreciates the constructive way in which local authorities have worked with Government

throughout this process and understand the concerns expressed by councils. This is being considered as part of the wider review, and the Government will continue to engage with affected councils.

Thank you again for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX BADRICK
Deputy Principal Private Secretary