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Dear Babs,

Thank you for your letter of 26 September addressed to the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP, regarding local government reorganisation in Lancashire. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I appreciate you taking the time to share the views of the North & Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce and its members about local government reorganisation in Lancashire. Although we are grateful for your comments, I am sure you will understand the Government is not able to give a view on specific unitary proposals, or to pre-empt future decisions under the statutory process for unitarisation.

Councils in Lancashire, Blackburn and Blackpool are due to submit their final proposals by 28 November. Once received, the Government will consult on final proposals before deciding which, if any, to implement. Responses from MPs, residents, town and parish councillors, and local businesses will be welcome. I would encourage you and your members to engage with the consultation once it is launched.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your views.

Yours sincerely,

ALISON MCGOVERN MP

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