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Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter of 28 January, regarding local government reorganisation for Newcastle-under-Lyme and the Staffordshire area. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I wrote to all leaders of councils in Staffordshire on 5 February to invite you to work together to develop a proposal for local government reorganisation, and to set out further detail on the criteria, guidance for the development of proposals, and the timeline for this process.

This is a once in a generation opportunity to work together to put local government in your area on a more sustainable footing, creating simpler structures for your area that will deliver the services that local people and businesses need and deserve. As set out in the White Paper, my commitment is that clear leadership locally will be met with an active partner nationally.

Thank you again for writing to me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

JIM MCMAHON OBE MP

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