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Dear Minister McMahon,

I write in response to your letter dated 5 February, 2025, inviting proposals for a single tier of local government in Greater Lincolnshire and setting out the associated criteria.

Since the publication of the English Devolution White Paper, Boston Borough Council has been actively engaged in conversations with Councils across Greater Lincolnshire to determine a future model for Local Government for the region. At this time, the Council hasn't determined a preferred model but acknowledges and supports the view that both you and Baroness Taylor promoted at the recent DCN conference – that people need to find common ground and find a solution which makes sense for their residents – whilst aiming to improve sustainability, service delivery and neighbourhood empowerment. To that end, we have supported our neighbouring authorities by providing comprehensive data, analysis and detailed information.

Councils from within Greater Lincolnshire are planning to submit a range of proposals to Government for the 21st March deadline. Councillors here in Boston are aware of those schemes and are reflecting upon them. Once the Government's critique has been received on those ideas, we will give your feedback serious consideration and then work closely with our colleagues at other Councils to support the development of a single proposal in time for the 28th November deadline.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Anne Dorrian
Leader, Boston Borough Council

