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Dear Town and Parish Councils

Re: Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

As a key stakeholder in Dacorum, we are writing to update you regarding the requirement for local authorities to develop proposals for reorganisation, in areas where there are currently two tiers of local government.

This will be a once in a generation change that affects local people and services for decades to come. It is therefore important that there is proper consideration of the options and meaningful consultation with residents, key local organisations, including business, and our public sector partners.

Our priority is to ensure any changes genuinely benefit residents and businesses while safeguarding high-quality local services.

As representatives of the local community, your perspective, insight and deep local knowledge is vital to the success of this process. It is essential that we align potential new local government structures, and that local government stays connected to communities and local people. Decision making should be transparent and, crucially, accessible to people. On everything from planning applications to refuse collection, people making decisions should be close to the local community, and people should be able to have their say and feel empowered to do so.

It is therefore crucial that we hear your views, given the critical role that town and parish councils play in the heart of our local communities.

All 11 councils in Hertfordshire, along with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, are collaborating to assess the options. Given the financial and staffing challenges councils already face, it is essential to balance the delivery of vital services with any future governance changes.

This process is still at an early stage, and we want to keep residents, businesses, and stakeholders updated as discussions progress. Any changes must be carefully considered, transparent and inclusive, ensuring that residents and businesses are fully engaged in shaping the future governance of Hertfordshire.

As we consider future options, we would be eager to hear your views in this initial early stage, particularly on whether Hertfordshire should have more or less local councils and your views on what this would mean for decision-making in our communities. Your views can be sent through to us at LGR@dacorum.gov.uk

For more information please visit our website [Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation](#)

We are committed to ongoing consultation and involvement and we will expect to deliver more formal stages of public consultation as plans progress.

Yours Sincerely



Darren Welsh
Chief Executive

