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Dear Alastair,

Thank you for your letter of 25 March, to myself and the Deputy Prime Minister, Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP about devolution.

I am grateful for your engagement with our Consultation, and pleased to receive your support for our devolution plans.

Devolution means more investment in local areas, skills and employment provision that is more relevant to local jobs, and more houses that are closer to infrastructure amongst other benefits. Your points will be carefully noted, and I ask that you continue to encourage others to contribute, ensuring that their views can fully inform our decisions.

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

Yours sincerely,

JIM MCMAHON OBE MP

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