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From the Secretary of State
The Rt Hon Caroline Spelman MP

Dear Derrick,

Thank you for your letter of 8 November in response to my letter dated 7 November. I appreciate your disappointment, which your Council has since expressed publicly.

I shall not respond to your letter in detail, beyond noting that our understanding of the position is not the same as your own in a number of respects. I am however happy to confirm the offer, made in preliminary exchanges between our officials, of discussions with Defra officials to explore what further evidence your Council might usefully provide to inform the final decision whether to approve the Final Business Case.

I look forward to receiving such further information in due course.

Yours sincerely,
Caroline
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