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16 July 2018

Dear Secretary of State,

Thank you for your letter of 9 July in response to the submission of our proposal for a One Yorkshire devolution deal in March.

We were disappointed at your characterisation of this substantive document as a “short outline” and the focus of your letter on identifying obstacles to the delivery of a One Yorkshire devolution deal rather than proposing a positive way forward.

The One Yorkshire proposal has the cross-party support of 18 authorities and the Mayor of the Sheffield City Region. This support was reaffirmed again at our meeting of 12 July.

Together we are ready to deliver a devolution deal at pace which would offer huge benefits for the region and the wider UK economy. With the constructive support of the Government, an agreement can be in place and a Mayor for One Yorkshire elected by 2020 unlocking those benefits for all.

We are already developing the detail of the economic case underpinning One Yorkshire and would welcome the involvement of officials from Government in that process. We hope you will respond constructively so that rapid progress can be made in the coming weeks and months. Your support is essential to accelerating the delivery of the Sheffield City Region devolution deal whilst assuring those who want to join One Yorkshire that option will be available to them as early as 2020.

We are united in our determination to deliver this devolution agreement to the benefit of our communities and the UK as a whole and are willing to meet you and other Ministers at any time to move this process forward quickly.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Stephen Houghton
Leader, Barnsley Council



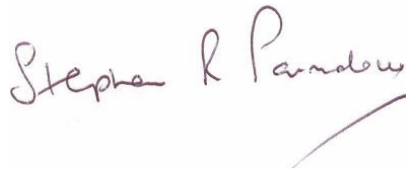
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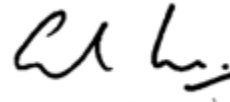
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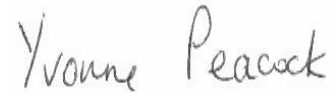
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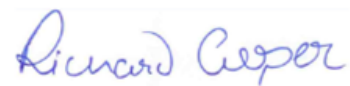
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