

5 December 2007

Chief Executive
Cumbria County Council

BY EMAIL

Dear Chief Executive,

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE UNITARY STRUCTURES

I write further to my letter of 25 July 2007, in which I explained that the Secretary of State was not minded to implement your unitary proposal, submitted in response to our Invitation to councils in England on 26 October 2006, once the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill was enacted.

I am now writing to inform you that, having had regard to all the relevant information available, the Secretary of State has confirmed her judgement of 25 July 2007 that there is not a reasonable likelihood that, if implemented, your proposal would meet the outcomes specified by all the five criteria set out in the Invitation. Accordingly she has decided under section 7(1)(c) of the Local Government and Public Involvement Act 2007 to take no action in relation to your proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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