

5 December 2007

Chief Executive
Burnley Borough Council
Pendle Borough Council

BY EMAIL

Dear Chief Executive,

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE UNITARY STRUCTURES

I write further to my letter of 27 March 2007, in which I explained that the Secretary of State decided that your council's unitary proposal, submitted in response to our Invitation to councils in England on 26 October 2006, would not be proceeding to stakeholder consultation.

I am now writing to inform you that, having had regard to all the relevant information available, the Secretary of State has confirmed the judgement of 27 March that there is not a reasonable likelihood that, if implemented, your proposal would achieve 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 in Health Act 2007 to take no action in relation to your proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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