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**Broxtowe
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COUNCIL**

The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Via E-mail

Dear Steve,

I am writing to advise you that, at its meeting on 15 October 2025, Broxtowe Borough Council's Full Council debated a motion concerning the ongoing Local Government Reorganisation proposals led by Nottingham City Council. The Council resolved to register the objection to any attempt to split up the current Broxtowe area, raising concern that the model being put forward is being progressed without detailed due process being followed or a rigorous needs-based assessment being made.

During the meeting, discussions focused on the fact that the Nottingham City Council proposal being considered has not included appropriate public engagement or formal consultation with other affected Councils. Without this due process I find it concerning that progression will continue, which is why we raise our objections. During a recorded vote, the Council voted thirty-two for the motion with four abstaining. This overwhelming majority is a clear indication that this Council has significant concerns on the processes that are being taken as well as the lack of consideration for residents of Broxtowe.

It is important to raise this concern as any potential new authority that incorporates Broxtowe residents, with the legacy of Nottingham City Council's previous debt issues, has significant implications. Members of the Council spoke passionately about how they felt that harmonising aspects such as Council Tax, Council Housing Rents and Local Council Tax Support would have a real impact on the everyday lives of people. Although I accept that the new authority will determine any decision on harmonisation, it is fair to say, given Nottingham City Council's current financial position, that harmonisation is likely to increase to the higher level. In respect of Council Tax, this would lead to an increase of £175 per year for those residing in a Band D property. In respect of Council Housing Rents, this would be an even greater increase of £500 per year for those residing in a three-bedroom house. There are notable differences between the two Local Council Tax Support Schemes administered, with Broxtowe's being significantly more generous to its residents. We feel our scheme truly reflects this council's approach to supporting those most vulnerable in our community and to see this transferred to a support mechanism that resembles the current Nottingham City model would have serious financial implications to households already experiencing challenges.

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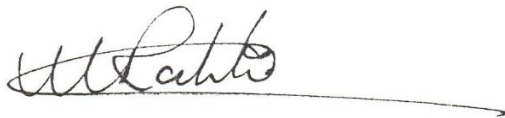
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This Council wanted to understand the view of the residents regarding Local Government Reorganisation. A comprehensive consultation was completed giving the residents of Broxtowe a say in what they thought of the process. A total of 12,507 residents responded with an overwhelming 71% stating that they did not support any of the options being proposed. This level of response far exceeds any previous consultation by the Council, truly showing the strength of opinion within the Borough. Given this comprehensive statement from our residents, we feel that the process of Local Government Reorganisation in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire needs to be paused, and a service-led review should be in place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M Radulovic', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Councillor Milan Radulovic MBE
Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council

CC: Broxtowe Borough Council Interim Chief Executive