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The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP
Secretary of State for Housing,
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Dear Minister

DEFERMENT REQUEST OF CHORLEY COUNCIL'S 2019 LOCAL ELECTIONS

I have been directed to write to you on behalf of Chorley Council, to formally request a deferment of the authority's 2019 local election by Order under section 87 of the Local Government Act 2000, for the reasons stated below.

In June 2017, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England notified the authority of its intention to conduct an electoral review of Chorley council as part of its 2018/19 work programme.

Chorley council currently holds elections by thirds. However, as a result of the electoral review, a whole of council election will take place in 2020 on new warding arrangements (after which the council would revert to elections by thirds). Therefore, those members elected at the 2019 local elections would serve a term of one year only.

The cost of the 2019 election to the authority would be in the order of £120,000. Due to the political make-up of the council, and the number of seats involved, the overall outcome of an election held in 2019 is not likely to result in a change in the administration.

It is considered that for these reasons a deferment of the authority's 2019 elections would not be unreasonable and hope that you look favourably on this request.

Yours sincerely

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