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Dear Bethia

Thank you for your letter and sharing your position with me in this way. You expressed your views on the matter clearly at the meeting and I was very grateful for your support, and the support of the majority of district council leaders across Oxfordshire on this subject matter.

With regard to Swindon, I am assured that Officers at the County Council, your Chief Executive and that other Chief Executives across Oxfordshire especially are clear on our preference that Swindon does not join a Strategic Authority with Oxfordshire. I have discussed your letter with our Chief Executive, Martin Reeves, who will raise this matter with his counterparts and reflect the clear, consensus position that we have arrived at.

Yours sincerely,



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