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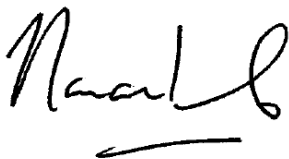
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Dear Tracey,

Thank you for your valuable input at our meeting last week regarding the possible closure of Insolvency Service offices in Bournemouth, Medway and Stockton. I found the comments made very helpful as I know the Insolvency Service did too.

I am writing to you now to let you know that after further consideration The Insolvency Service has today communicated to staff in the 3 affected offices that before taking a firm decision on the future of individual offices, they need to take stock. In particular they have to consider the Atkins report I referred to in the meeting and make the decisions alongside, and as part of, the development of their restructuring Plan. This could result in a re-consideration of the proposed closure plan. As a consequence, the decision regarding these three offices has now been deferred until the Autumn.

Whilst I recognise this does not provide your constituents with the certainty they need, I do agree that any decision regarding the Service's estate must be taken in the wider context of a restructuring plan so that it assists in creating a sustainable operating model for the Service.



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