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Dear Steven

Serving Hampshire consultation: options for future local government in Hampshire - 27 July – 20 September 2016

Further to my letter of 11 July, I am pleased to let you know that the planned *Serving Hampshire* consultation on future options for local government in Hampshire will launch on Wednesday 27th July. As you know, I feel very strongly that parish and town councils should have every opportunity to participate fully in this process. The public consultation will therefore run alongside and complement four separate engagement workshops for town and parish councils during September.

The *Serving Hampshire* consultation is being undertaken by leading market research company Ipsos MORI, and invites views on options for combined authorities, elected mayors and unitary local government in Hampshire. The public consultation will be accompanied by a representative telephone survey. This consultation concerns the county of Hampshire – the area covered by Hampshire County Council and the 11 district councils in Hampshire – not the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton or the Isle of Wight. However, some of the options do refer to the two cities and the Island.

Full details about the *Serving Hampshire* consultation will be available online at **www.hants.gov.uk/servinghampshire**. The consultation **opens on 27 July and closes at 23.59 on 20 September 2016**. The findings will be published in autumn 2016 and will help to inform the County Council's considerations about what recommendation to make to central Government.

This is a vitally important consultation on options that could have far reaching implications for council services and outcomes for residents in the future. All of the options being consulted on provide genuine opportunity for town and parish councils to play an even stronger role in local service provision, with greater influence to shape communities where they want it.

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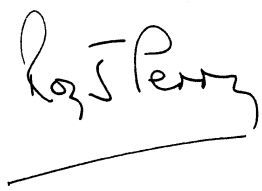
I hope very much that you will respond to the public consultation and would be grateful for your assistance in promoting the *Serving Hampshire* consultation to parish and town councils across Hampshire.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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