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Dear Cllr Evans,

Thank you for your letter of 20 August to the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, regarding your Council's motion on historic county boundary signs. I have been asked to reply and please accept my apologies for the delay in response.

Following consultation on the development of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions in 2016, the decision was taken that current administrative boundaries as well as those for historic and ceremonial boundaries could be indicated by traffic signs.

However, the Department of Transport has no plans to amend the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions to mandate the use of these signs, this decision to mark such boundaries is entirely a decision for the relevant highway authority.

I would like to thank you for your invitation to visit your Borough to see your current regeneration projects. I would be delighted to accept your offer and my private office will be in contact to arrange a date for us to meet.

Thank you again for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

ALISON MCGOVERN MP

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