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Thank you very much indeed for meeting me on Saturday.

I found the work you have done tremendously interesting and exciting and Colwall is very lucky to have such a dedicated professional in you and so well supported by your company.

I promised I would drop you a line about the existing settlement boundaries because I do not share the view that we should stick to the old boundaries.

The neighbourhood plan is a new opportunity for Town and Parish Councils to take control over the development of their neighbourhoods and therefore this is an exciting time to deliver the sort of houses that people want to live in rather than what we have been told by people who choose to live elsewhere.

Today the value of a person's home represents such an enormous part of their personal wealth that home owners will naturally wish to defend any aspect that might damage their house price.

This means that change will not be welcomed and that features such as the view, the wonderful neighbourhood and the access to rail transport that make Colwall a very desirable place to live are highly valued by residents.

I would urge you to protect these qualities whilst allowing the community to build houses of high quality that local people will want to live in.

For example there are a number of hamlets in the parish, all are clearly outside the settlement boundaries and yet from my postbag I constantly get requests from individuals to build single houses usually for family members who were either brought up in or at work in that area.

So I agree that whilst we will want to retain a critical mass around the facilities in Colwall, loosening the settlement boundaries to include hamlets will deliver not only the sort of houses we want, but by your direction both by design and by quality, the sort of buildings we can be proud of.

Our county was already beautiful long before planning permission was introduced. In order to maintain that beauty and quality I feel confident that we, the electors, will continue to elect Parish Councillors with the wisdom to ensure our parish goes on being one of the most beautiful in the country.

Yours sincerely