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Dear Bill,

Duty To Co-operate - Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council

I write in response to your letter of the 5th July concerning the above.

Bromsgrove District Council is fully aware of its responsibility under the Duty to Co-operate introduced by the recent legislative changes, and with this in mind the Council will be happy to formally open discussions with Redditch Borough Council.

As you are aware, the issue of Bromsgrove District accommodating some of the growth needs of Redditch Borough within its administrative boundaries, is one which has challenged both Councils for a number of years without any resolution. Your request for joint working is a step closer to securing some certainty on this issue allowing both Councils to prepare and adopt sound development plans. As such Bromsgrove District Council officers have been instructed to continue working with Redditch Borough Council officers, in an attempt to find a mutually acceptable solution of accommodating the element of Redditch's growth needs which cannot be met within the Borough's boundaries.

I look forward to meeting to discuss the outcome of this work shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Roger Hollingworth
Leader of Bromsgrove District Council