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Dear Minister,

**Re: Meeting request - SEND provision in Surrey**

It was good to speak with you recently in passing about SEND provision in Surrey, and I am grateful for your offer to meet to discuss it with some of my Surrey Liberal Democrat MP colleagues.

As you will be aware, Surrey families continue to face significant pressures within the SEND system, including long waiting times for assessments, difficulties in securing appropriate placements, and growing strain on other services. Schools are facing the impossible challenge of being unable to meet children's needs but unwilling to fail them or let them stay at home without provision. Both groups feel unheard by Surrey. These issues are having a direct and often severe impact on children, parents, and schools across our constituencies.

This situation is now further complicated by the Government's decision to move Surrey to a two-unitary authority model, with elections expected in May 2026 and full transition by April 2027. This represents a major structural change and draws focus and attention towards it and away from SEND - at a time when SEND services are already under considerable pressure.

I asked for a meeting with you so that as Surrey MPs, we collectively can share our insights with you on the deep frustration and unhappiness our families and schools have with Surrey's SEND provision. We share that frustration as their representatives. We are keen to work with you constructively so that our children get the provision they deserve.

We would like therefore to follow up on your kind invitation quickly and appreciate a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,

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