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Dear Ailsa Henderson

As you know, the Ministerial direction to Boundaries Scotland not to undertake any reviews of the boundaries of Scottish local government areas unless affecting no more than 500 electors, which was made in 2018, expired on 30 September. My officials have therefore been discussing with the Secretary to the Commission the possibility of a new direction to extend this for another 5 years.

I am writing to inform you that the Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning, Joe FitzPatrick MSP, and I have decided to make another such direction. This direction was made on 13 October 2023, and directs the Commission not to carry out any reviews under section 14(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 during the period from 14 October 2023 to 13 October 2028.

My officials have sent a copy of the direction to the Secretary so that it can be placed on Boundaries Scotland's website. Mr FitzPatrick is writing to COSLA and SOLACE to let them know that the direction has been made.

Kind regards

**GEORGE ADAM**

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