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## **Local Plan Review**

Dear

Firstly, thank you for meeting with Irena and Mr Williamson, which gave them both a greater understanding and respect for the detailed work carried out in association with the review of the Local Plan.

Following this meeting, Painswick Parish Council would like to ensure that a health check of the 'Retail Centres' is carried out and as a result, adjustments are made if necessary, to the '2018 Role and Function Study'. Painswick Parish Council also considers it imperative that an amended map of the Town Centre Boundary is included in the Plan.

It was agreed in the meeting that Painswick is somewhat unusual. Painswick is currently Tier 3 in the adopted plan and has been provisionally accessed as Tier 2 in the Draft Local Plan. Painswick Parish Council looks forward to receiving the revised evidence that justifies this change. Painswick Parish Council still have concerns over the definition of the 'Tiers', despite verbal assurances that the tier system is more than just where future development is allocated. Page 49 of the draft local plan states "In addition to allocated sites, development will take place in accordance with the Settlement Hierarchy set our in this plan (Core Policy CP3)." Therefore, the evidence to allocate the tiers, needs to be up to date, relevant and applied appropriately. Should this evidence justify a change to Tier Two, then the policy text would need to be amended to protect Painswick from inappropriate development.

Clerk			

Yours sincerely