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Dear Ranjit

**Re: Consultation to Derby City Council Electoral Cycle**

Derby City Council has recently consulted on reviewing its election cycle and is considering a move away from annual elections to a 4-year electoral cycle. As part of this process, D2N2 LEP has been talking to businesses and business support organisations to gauge their views.

Business generally welcomes stability and certainty. On the basis of creating greater stability, business would prefer a whole Council election model, potentially every 4 years.

We do recognise that this does not rule out significant changes every 4 years but in our view at least allows better medium-term planning for which business can plan and respond.

We would therefore encourage the City to move to a whole Council cycle, allowing sufficient time to plan and implement this appropriately, but will naturally work with whatever election process the City Council agrees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Richardson', with a large, stylized flourish above it.

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