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Dear Margo,
First of all, Happy New Year to you and your fellow parish councillors.

As you know, I continue to take a very close interest in constituency matters alongside my role in Parliament and inside Government. That is, of course, about the big regional issues such as the future of acute hospital services or major road investments but it's also about much smaller local issues which matter greatly to an individual parish or village.

You may not be aware but, in addition to reading a host of parish/community newsletters every month (many of which I also write a column for), I regularly download the minutes from your parish website; just to stay in touch with the work you and other councillors do. The sheer range of issues covered – some of which are unique to your area, others more uniform – never ceases to amaze me and serves as a constant reminder to me of the strength and resilience our county system has through the parish system.

As we head into 2018, my ninth year as our Member of Parliament, I am keen to further and deepen the working relationship I have with each of you. This is not, to be clear, about me stepping on your toes because we both have clearly defined roles but I hope I can be a better MP as a result and, crucially, help you achieve some of your key aims and objectives for the year ahead.

To kick things off, I wonder whether you would mind dropping me a line (via letter or email is equally fine) outlining the top three issues you see as current in your individual parish? Please feel free to give as much, or as little, detail as you deem necessary and to outline where you think I can help or where you'd like to explore such.

Having been the MP here for many years now, I do know there will be some issues that are not exactly new to me – and I recognise of course if they were easy we'd have solved them long ago – but even if it's just a chance to outline your council's strategic aims and objectives, it would be great to hear from you.

This engagement may be no more (or need to be any more) than an exchange of emails but it may spark a thread which we can explore together. Either way, I hope 2018 is a successful year for you and I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

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Finally, as we move into AGM season I would be hugely grateful if you could ensure I receive both notice of any such meeting plus a copy of any annual report produced alongside. You can mail them to me at the House of Commons. Because of Parliament sitting (not to mention our slim majority!) it's highly unlikely I could attend but it's always good to know when these important meetings are taking place.

Thank you for all you continue to do in the local community, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Brine'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Steve Brine MP