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Mr Watkins

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The Secretary of State has seen your submission of 18 July referring on the work in hand to develop proposals for an initiative in Portadown aimed at reducing tensions which seem to increase risk of major difficulties over marches there.

- 2. In accordance with paragraph 8 of your submission, the Secretary of State is content to:
 - note your considerations to date;
 - agree that a <u>community relations-focused</u> initiative of the sort described be taken in forward;
 - agree that Ministers should not announce the development of such an initiative, subject to review as it progresses.

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3. In all of this the Secretary of State has asked if there are any financial implications and I should be grateful for advice in due course.

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