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Dear Ms Allan

I cannot tell you how disappointed I am to receive your letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. My officers and I have offered on several occasions to brief you on progress and yet you seem determined to play out your un-informed understanding of the process on social media rather than engage in the process and show leadership by supporting the delivery of what is a tremendously important inquiry for Telford.

To correct you – it was agreed by everyone, or so I thought everyone, that a fully independent process would mean that the Council would not produce a person specification, invite applications, or short list candidates. These are all jobs for the Commissioning Body. This makes their selection all the more important and not something that we should rush into.

What we do, we do in full consultation with the survivors. We are listening to them, taking into account what they want and changing plans to make sure we meet their needs.

That does take time and I am not going to apologise for that. We have made good progress over the Summer to provide support for survivors and to support survivors to organise themselves into a representative body.

These are big steps forward and the appointment of a Commissioning Body will be another milestone.

I will be in touch with your office to arrange a suitable time to meet. I hope you will be able to find time.

Yours sincerely

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