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Please find below a submission from Anthony Black in relation to the above invitation.

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While I believe it is unlikely that the West Coast will get a unitary authority, I support change to the existing local government structure on the Coast, with a view to streamlining and improving key processes, in particular West Coast planning processes. I support changing the current structure and would like to see unified district planning and centralisation of resources for the processing of planning/consent applications, particularly those that are larger scale, or more technical to process. The individual Council's do not have the mass to attract and retain specialised staff, and have struggled in this area. The level of service provision, and the calibre of that service, varies significantly between Councils and districts. Unifying these services I believe, would provide an opportunity to attract and retain a depth of planners and experience that is currently lacking within the individual Councils. Improvements to the quality and consistency of service levels should also be achievable.