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Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter of 6 October 2011 about the BBC Trust consultation on Delivering Quality First which includes proposals regarding the future shape of the BBC in Wales.

You will appreciate that we were concerned to see the proposals for reductions in the BBC's services in Wales. We recognise that the BBC, as with all public sector organisations, is having to take some tough decisions to deliver significant savings over the next few years. We also appreciate the priority you have accorded to securing these savings through efficiency savings in the first instance.

During our meeting earlier this year I stressed our belief that reductions to Wales based services needed to be seen against the background of those services being relatively limited in scope to begin with. In our view these services fall very clearly into the category of core services which the Trust has said it intends to safeguard. I would therefore be interested in finding out more about the thinking lying behind these decisions and the detailed implications for the BBC's services in Wales. As a result it would be helpful to accept the suggestion that we might meet with you and Elan Closs Stephens to discuss the changes you are proposing.

Yours sincerely,

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