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ZM 1:1

Mtg ZM: following on from brief conversation previous day, when insufficient time has been available and our meeting room was unsuitable.

Contact received from party-selected proposed individual over weekend following CC announcement on Friday. Specifically Conservative candidate KD.

ZM responded initially with the form of words I had advised.

Subsequent direct phone call from KD. Took call as courtesy. Declined initially to discuss substantively but KD continued to make representations.

ZM wishes to log contact with me for transparency purposes. Will consider whether tone/demeanour/tenor/behaviour should be raised via party channels – not matter for me.

Said I would log in day book. ZM will consider whether (and in what terms) to follow up in writing – reminded her I could only assist on office-holding remit issues, not party issues, which ZM clearly already understood, without need for prompting.