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Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1.

*Dear Margaret,*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LAND AND PLANNING BILL

You were good enough to write at length on 29 January. Since the GLC will be making formal representations to the Government I need not take up your time with detail, but I feel obliged to stress two points of special relevance to the GLC.

The first is the proposal in the Bill to sweep away our Money Bill procedure, thus depriving the House of one of their few standing opportunities to discuss London matters, and thereby substituting bureaucratic control for Parliamentary accountability.

The second is that, especially now that our mundane housing responsibilities are going, virtually every capital project we undertake will be "of national or regional importance", and presumably will be under total governmental direction: what role will we play?

I am sorry to have to say it but the Government is about to commit a series of blunders which will make the 1974 re-organisation look quite rational and modest. I really do feel that almost anything would be better than the Bill as it stands.

*With best wishes*

*Yours ever  
Horace.*

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