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 Do E was told not to concede that
 principle of an advisory and consultative
 body on planning in London unless it was
 absolutely necessary. In the event Lord
 Elton felt he had to offer the concession
 (on a vote subsequent vote). The text
 of the new clause is attached

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Dear Lord President

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL: PLANNING AMENDMENTS FOR THIRD READING

Further to my letter of 28 May, you will be aware of the outcome
 of the planning debates at Report on 10 June during which Rodney
 Elton undertook, as we had agreed, to bring forward amendments
 at Third Reading to provide for a borough-based planning committee
 for London. I am sure that the flexibility that Rodney was able
 to show contributed to our success in winning the three votes
 - albeit by narrow margins.

I attach a copy of the amendments which we are now discussing
 with John Sandford and with the London Boroughs Association.
 You will see that the new clause applies only to London, where
 the Committee would replace the London Planning Commission at
 present provided for by the Bill. I believe that we can continue
 to justify having special arrangements for London.

You will recall that Phyllis Stedman pressed very strongly for
 any provision to extend also to the Met Counties. Although Rodney
 undertook to consider this, he made it absolutely clear that
 this was without commitment. I have no doubt, however, that
 amendments to extend the new clause to the Met Counties will
 be moved at Third Reading, and we must be prepared to resist
 that.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to the Business
 Managers in both Houses, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Your sincerely

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for

PATRICK JENKIN

Approved by the Secretary of
 State and signed in his absence

(References are to the Bill as amended in Committee)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL
AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED ON THIRD READING
BY THE LORD ELTON

CLAUSE 4

Page 3, line 11, leave out subsection (2).

AFTER CLAUSE 4

Insert the following new Clause:-

("Joint
planning
committee
for Greater
London.

.-(1) The local planning authorities in Greater London shall not later than the abolition date establish a joint committee to discharge the functions mentioned in subsection (2) below.

(2) The joint committee required to be established under this section by the local planning authorities in Greater London shall -

- (a) consider and advise those authorities on matters of common interest relating to the planning and development of Greater London;
- (b) inform the Secretary of State of the views of those authorities concerning such matters including any such matters as to which he has requested their advice;

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- (c) inform the local planning authorities in areas adjoining Greater London, or any body on which those authorities and the local planning authorities in Greater London are represented, of the views of the local planning authorities in Greater London concerning any matters of common interest relating to the planning and development of Greater London and those adjoining areas;

and the committee may, if it thinks fit, contribute towards the expenses of any such body as is mentioned in paragraph (c) above.

(3) The expenses of the joint committee which have been incurred with the approval of at least two-thirds of the local planning authorities in Greater London shall be defrayed by those authorities in such proportions as they may decide or, in default of a decision by them, as the Secretary of State may determine.

(4) In this section references to the local planning authorities in Greater London are to the authorities which are the local planning authorities in Greater London for the purposes of Part II of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 or section 4 above.").

SCHEDULE 1

Page 90, line 37, leave out Part II.

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Relatives : Local Gov. Pt 27.