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METHOD OF DESIGNATING ASSISTED AREAS

Thank you for your letter of 20 December.

Following the review my Department is carrying out, Travel to Work Areas (TTWAs) will of course no longer be defined in terms of employment office areas as at present, and the reference to EOAs in the Industrial Development Act will no longer be relevant. I agree that the alternatives to amending legislation which you mention would be cumbersome, susceptible to errors and might possibly delay the introduction of the new Assisted Areas map. It therefore seems right that Section 1 of the Industrial Development Act should be amended to give you powers to designate Assisted Areas in the way you describe.

I am sending copies of this letter to recipients of yours.

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