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Thank you for your letter of 18 July. It is helpful that you accept that the normal rules would apply to any ERDF grants for this project. That is, Birmingham's block borrowing approval would be reduced by the amount of any such grant made to the City or to any other body involved in the project such as NEC Limited.

I still consider that the economic case for this project is poor, but in view of your enthusiasm I will not stand in the way of your supporting Birmingham's application for ERDF money. It is extremely important that you avoid - both in Brussels and in this country - appearing to bless the devices Birmingham may use to get round the capital controls system.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Norman Tebbit, Tom King, David Young, Peter Walker, Norman Fowler and Grey Gowrie.

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