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PRIME MINISTER

THE SAINSBURY GROUP

I have seen a copy of Kenneth Baker's very encouraging minute to you in advance of the meeting which we are having with the Sainsbury Group on Tuesday 10 December.

The Sainsbury Group has, as you know, been a very valuable source of ideas and experience on planning and provided some very useful material for our 'Lifting the Burden' exercise. As Kenneth says, we are now beginning to see the fruits of this exercise: we have faster appeal decisions, a larger proportion of appeals allowed and proposals for deregulation through the Use Classes Order have been published.

We must not, however, stop here. I am still receiving a good deal of correspondence about the difficulties of the planning system along with numerous suggestions for change. I am sure that this pressure will not go away. Correspondingly, I hope that we would not lose contact with the Sainsbury Group until we are satisfied that we have benefited from the full range of their ideas - some of which may well have developed - as have our own ideas - since they first presented them a year ago.



I hope that at the meeting we can give Sir John and his colleagues a chance to restate or develop their objectives, however radical.

I am copying this minute to Kenneth Baker, Michael Howard, and David Trippier here.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D Y'.

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