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1922 Executive meeting
with Prime Minister



Cranley Onslow 2 themes we wanted to open, and then talk about EC campaign, first planning and environment

Tony Grant Planning and environment. My anxiety is burden on DOE, Community charge, Housing bill; planning will not go away; Water Privatisation which I strongly support. It needs vigorous explaining. Problems of Environment seem to be rather overwhelming.

Bob Dunn Problem of first rail link. BRE compensation inadequate - only serves people within 100 metres. Many other people massively blighted. We also have problems of M25 widening and green belt.

George Gardner on planning we are still losing out. At Bristol recently, questions same as ones I get at Reigate. Big developers always seem to be favoured, peoples back gardens get permission for development by people not known to owners. I don't think these issues are really appreciated by Dep. of Environment.

John Hanrahan - load on ministers. The weight on ministers is so great that they themselves fail to get case to public.

Rhodes Boyson concerned on planning for suburbs. If planner fails with Council he can appeal, but if he gets it the objectors cannot. A denial of natural justice. You can knock down a house without planning permission + then say we need a block of flats. The green areas of

Suburbia are going - I feel not strongly.

Terence Higgins Before bags no problem with refuse. Now it is gr over night by dogs. When we have a bank holiday collection is delayed. 'Bag it' is therefore not a solution. We must take powers to ensure Councils don't take these powers.

Prime Minister - to John Hannon. Because of load on Ministers we have to in Environment made 7 of them. They have been good but media does not report all serious matters. We can't get substance of issues debated - Social Security + Health separated because of work load. Bank of legislation has not been the problem. We do not control whom radio and TV ask. Michael Howard now has a team selling water in the country.

On planning. In SE we are short of houses. We must have a way of getting houses built. In an area like Rhodes Byes and mine every piece of backland is built on, mainly for old people, sheltered occupation. In Barnet they never had a structure plan. Nick Ridley has now insisted on this. What we can't do is not build any houses.

On British rail they can of course pay more ("But they won't" - Bob Dunn)

On environment we should go to tender for keeping area clean. In Jamaica better clean houses than with local authorities. Perhaps we should put a duty of care on businesses to keep fronts tidy. We have tried to do this voluntarily but have not succeeded.

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Many people who talk about environment & are not interested in litter themselves. We have just done a £1m. scheme on motorways in Paris in one day 900 people cleaned streets and graffiti.

Cranley Onslow Five colleagues concerned about reform of NHS.

Michael Latham Real prospect of doctors having anti-GP. powers in surgeries. A great political problem. I am seeing many doctors who are all Conservatives and furious. Angry with Ministers who claim they are only interested in their pay. Feelings so strongly held & they cannot be swept away. Great professions which are held in respect.

Charles Morrison Support Michael Latham. We are doing so well in polls but there are time bombs ticking away. Planning, and then water. It will get more expensive before next election. Community charge too, but

Worst of all NHS white paper. At first, reaction non-existent but Doctors are now getting well organised. Problems on unanswerable questions, and in meantime Doctors are getting at patients.

Giles Shaw My doctors don't know whether it is a genuine consultation. Biggest groups that see Doctors are elderly and young. Elderly are badly influenced

Peter Horder Budgeting. A time may come when they cannot prescribe the right drug. Secondly

They fear they may be confined to whom they can refer patients.
No doubt that very carefully explanation necessary, &
reassurance that a budgeted service must be
adequately funded.

Prime Minister Opposite is true. Doctors will have a greater choice. First on consultants, their performance is greatly different. Second on GPs they lists are coming down. If they can get 1000 patients they get enormous allowances. No way of stopping them. They get an indicative budget & we must have a medical audit - a judgment by their peers. A bigger proportion of income is by capitation fee.

P. Horder I am all in favour but any reform has to be introduced with generosity.

Michael Latham They are worried that
we will cast limit their services. We have
got to lower the tone of debate, and stop
talking about 'wallets.'

Marcus Fox Doctors are now well paid. They do not spend such long hours. We must get this out of the way as soon as possible.

Ivan Lawrence There is too much going on. Too much legislation being passed. I never thought I would see day when I should say stop! We should sell water & electricity. Too much happening. Green papers, white papers

Letters from every group in my constituency. Labour will not be a sitting duck at the next election.

Prime Minister Water & Electricity. We took 1 yr on a pricing bill. We have had unprecedented dishonest attacks on the environment.

Mr Lennox Boyd.
A windy lot.

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PRIME MINISTER

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MARK LENNOX-BOYD
20 March 1989

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