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Dear Nicholas

**PAYING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your letter of 3 December seeking colleagues' agreement to the publication of a statement announcing our proposals for the operation of the Community charge in England and Wales. Quintin Hailsham, Kenneth Baker and Malcolm Rifkind have written to me, and I have seen David Norgrove's letter of 11 December to your Private Secretary.

I understand that you intend to amend your text to keep open the questions of joint liability for unmarried couples and of the treatment of caravans, huts and chalets; and that you officials have agreed with Departments drafting changes to meet all the other points raised. On that basis I am content.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister, the members of E(LF), and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*John*  
*Linn*

The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP

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