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Dear Nigel

EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC REVALUATION *att*

Thank you for your letter of 11 August in reply to mine of 31 July. *att*

I understand your concern about the implications of the proposed study for the Valuation Office's workload and the other issues you mention. Nonetheless I remain of the view that it would help our case substantially if we could point to current examples of the damage that would be done to individuals by revaluation, based on a survey, rather than having to rely on hypothetical constructed examples. It would be surprising if the effects were not at least as large as those of the last revaluation in Scotland, with the resultant fuss that we all saw. I fully accept that this exercise should not be allowed to delay essential work on the non-domestic revaluation, but I find it hard to believe that a resurvey on this modest scale would have that effect. I hope therefore that you will be prepared to reconsider your earlier view.

I am sending a copy of this letter, and the earlier ones, to the Prime Minister in view of the importance attached at our meeting on 2 July to the need to marshal all the facts on the prospective effects of a domestic rating revaluation (recorded in David Norgrove's letter of the same day).

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