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The Rt Hon Peter Walker MBE MP

20 January 1988

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

will request if required

In my letter to you of 22 June I proposed the exclusion of the Development Board for Rural Wales from Schedule 2 of the Local Government Bill. You will recall that the reason for excluding the Board from the Schedule was that it was a body akin to the Highlands and Islands Development Board in Scotland and DOE's own Development Commission in England, neither of which was included in Schedule 2, and my proposal was agreed.

However, this Authority still appears as a defined Authority under Clause 1(K) of Part I of the Bill, and I consider that the logic which led to the exclusion of the Board from Schedule 2 holds equal force when considering the list of defined authorities in Part I of the Bill.

Consequently I suggest that the Development Board for Rural Wales should be excluded from Part I of the Bill also, and that this amendment be taken when the Bill is considered at Committee stage in the House of Lords.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H, the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary for Trade and Industry, the Attorney General, Sir Robin Butler and first Parliamentary Council.

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Dear Peter

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

Thank you for your letter of 20 January seeking the exclusion of the Development Board for Rural Wales from the list of bodies to which Part 1 of the Local Government Bill applies.

The Board was included in Part I because it is covered by the existing provisions, in Part III of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, governing the operation of building and maintenance direct labour organisations.

I have no objection to deleting the reference to the Board from Part I, if others are content with your proposal. Logically we should also delete it from the list of authorities in Part III of the 1980 Act and I am content to make that amendment at the same time if you so wish.

We would, of course, have to do this at Lords Report stage - it was too late to table appropriate amendments for Committee stage by the time I received your letter.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H, Geoffrey Howe, David Young, Patrick Mayhew, and to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

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From The Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon Peter Walker MBE MP

12 February 1988

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

Thank you for your letter of 3 February about the exclusion of the Development Board for Rural Wales from Part I of the Local Government Bill and Part III of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980.

I agree that it would be logical to exclude the Development Board for Rural Wales from both the Bill and the 1980 Act.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H, Geoffrey Howe, David Young, Patrick Mayhew and to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP
Secretary of State for the Environment

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