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*Dear Michael*

COMMUNITY CHARGE DEMAND NOTICE

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Thank you for your letter of 7 September. I have also seen Mr Potter's 10 September letter, giving the Prime Minister's views.

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2. In the light of the first year's experience, I think the overriding consideration is that the demand notice should be as clear and as simple as possible. I therefore favour the approach at Annex A. I understand the advantages of Annex B, which are, as you say, points to which Treasury Ministers have drawn attention in the past. But I think these points are better made in the display box, and in the supporting material, so that the main table can be kept as simple as possible.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Rifkind, David Hunt, and Sir Robin Butler.

*Handwritten signature of Norman Lamont*  
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