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Dear Prime Minister

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Thank you for giving me so much of your valuable time last Wednesday, it was an added pleasure to see you again the same evening. I have written to Kenneth Baker as you requested setting out our plan and I am enclosing a copy of my letter together with a paper for Oliver Letwin.

I was very happy to hear your support for our initiative. Westminster would be pleased to take on London-wide functions. Not only would we be prepared to be the lead borough but also we can fit into any timetable which might be helpful to the Government. All we need is a guarantee that abolition will not cost our ratepayers more because of quirks in the grant system operated by the Department of the Environment. My group are totally behind me on this and we are looking forward to May 1986.

I was pleased to hear you will be asking Lord Avon to invite us to lobby the Lords. With any early decision from Kenneth we might be able to announce a major lead borough initiative before the debate.

Councillor Lady Porter

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