

PRIME MINISTER

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I attach a note from Carolyn Sinclair suggesting that you might make a major speech on countryside and conservation issues; and attaching a draft of the sort of things you might say. She points to an opportunity in December and asks whether you would like her to work up further ideas.

You may not want to commit yourself yet to a major speech in this area but I think it would be a good idea for Carolyn to work up her ideas further. You might also incorporate some of her material in your speech to the Royal Agricultural Show on 3 July.

A speech by you on this subject would I think be taken as a signal of a major change of emphasis in policy. There is a danger that it might be interpreted as simply defensive. Critics may be looking for new initiatives, of which there is little so far in Carolyn's draft. Perhaps Carolyn might explore the possibilities for new initiatives in this field which you could announce.

Do you agree to:

- Carolyn working up further ideas? ✓
- looking at incorporating some of her material into the Royal Agricultural Show speech? same
- her looking at the scope for new initiatives? Yes
- not making any commitment yet to take on a speech on 13 December?

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We have plenty of occasions for speeches - perhaps we had better get the speech made up first. We shall have the new content of Pollution Bill