

Mr. Barclay

I am sure the local newspaper would welcome a visit.

Must find

It makes sense to do "the work" and not undertake things first (so long as the town can be kept secret).

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1) Mr. Higham

2) Mr. Butler

3) PRIME MINISTER

Visit to Liverpool

We are holding Tuesday 2 October for a possible visit to Liverpool.

The provisional programme, which Departments have ostensibly drawn up for Mr. Jenkin, looks like this:-

7:30
7:45
8:15
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9:45
11:30
12:45
1:30
15:00
16:00
18:00

0815	Depart No.10
0900	Depart Northolt
c0940	Arrive Liverpool
1000	<u>Albert Dock</u> (disused) - future refurbishment undertaken by Merseyside Development Corporation, restored warehouse building, new shops, and Maritime Museum.
1045	Depart
1100	<u>Wavertree Technology Park</u> - tour new Plessey factory making cryptographic products, and (if company can change date) perform official opening ceremony. <u>Speech</u>
1215	Depart
1230	Lunch at the <u>International Garden Festival</u> , followed by short tour.
1430-1630	<u>Housing tour</u> - to include a "priority area" of some of the worst housing, as well as a new Housing Association Development, a

Housing Action Area, and Minster Court (private sector refurbishment, undertaken by Barratts).

1630 Party tea

1745 Return to London

This seems to me to give a fair spread of interest, as between problem areas and new developments, as between public and private sectors, and as between industry and "human interest" stories.

But it would undoubtedly be a difficult day. Apart from the usual left-wing demonstrations and the strained relations with local government, there may still be striking dockers as well as miners to contend with. On the other hand, there must be many in the city who would welcome visible proof that Liverpool has not become a "no-go area" - either for you personally, or for the Government.

You do not need to take an irrevocable decision now, though it will inevitably become more awkward to pull out as the day approaches. It would however be helpful if you could at this stage indicate:

- i) Whether, other things being equal, you are inclined to go ahead with the visit; and
- ii) Whether you think the draft programme set out above is on the right lines.

DMS

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