

Prime Minister - I do not think that this needs a further
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Dear Prime Minister,

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Bishop Sheppard and I are both most grateful for the very full reply you have kindly sent to our letter of 1st March about the closure of the Tate and Lyle Refinery.

We are sure that you will understand our disappointment at your conclusion that there is nothing the Government can do to prevent or delay the closure, but we are very grateful to you, as to Peter Walker, for the consideration given to the anxieties we have felt obliged to represent.

May we say that we welcome the news of the proximate establishment of the Urban Development Corporation and, before long, of the Enterprise Zone. We recognise their importance and are doing all in our power to help in the maintenance of local morale at this difficult time.

We are sure that you will understand that the united involvement of the Church Leaders here in the life and concerns of the community is of particular importance just now in light of the Rev. Ian Paisley's declared intention of carrying his campaign to England by holding a meeting in this city next month. We are doing all we can together to ensure that there is no undue reaction amongst our communities to this act of provocation.

Yours very sincerely

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