

PRIME MINISTER

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You may remember you have provisionally planned to visit Sellafield this summer, following an invitation from Mr. Allday, Chairman and Chief Executive of BNFL. One possibility might be to combine this with a tour of some other key sites, to cover the whole nuclear process. Capenhurst, Heysham and Sellafield have been suggested. The whole thing would take a day out of your diary.

An important factor in the timing of the tour is the need to leave a reasonable gap, probably not less than three months, between the conclusion of the Crown Court hearing in the BNFL case, and your visit. It now looks as if the case will not start until early June, and probably end around mid-July. Even assuming there is no appeal, this means the visit should not take place before mid-October, by which time of course pressure on your diary is much greater.

There seem to be only two Fridays which are runners. One is 1 November, though this would be the Friday immediately before the State Opening. The other is 13 December.

There are already quite a few planned engagements outside London in the autumn, for example, CHOGM, 16-22 October; the Eastern Regional tour, 15 November; Plesseys at Chessington, 22 November; CTU at Bristol, 30 November; and the European Council, Luxembourg, 3 December.

If you still wish to pursue the idea, in principle, of such a tour this year, I will update BNFL accordingly, and discuss with Departments what a detailed programme might look like.

Content to set aside a Friday in the autumn for such a visit? If so, any preference between 1 November and 13 December?

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September?

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