

1. Mr. Addison
2. Prime Minister

Prime Minister.

I am sure Tim is right. Sunderland was a clear exception.

Attached is a letter from David Clark asking for a meeting to discuss the implications of the closure of Tyne Shiprepair and their facilities in his constituency. I am sure you will wish to agree to this request.

You will also note that he asked to bring three shop stewards from the company. May I suggest that you turn down this request. Now that you have agreed to see Bob Clay and a number of local councillors, shop stewards etc we are in danger of having to agree to practically any request from a delegation to see you and I think it is about time that we reassert the principle that you see individual MPs about closures not delegations.

Agree to see Dr. Clark on his own?

Yes no

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Tim Flesher

3 June 1986

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Dr DAVID CLARK MP



OA
cc Caroline

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From the Private Secretary

9 June 1986

Shana
Did PM see
him?
JF 5/8

No-not
through me!
Shana
5/8.

JF?

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 2 June in which you seek a meeting about further redundancies in your constituency. As you will recall it is her normal practice to meet individual Members to discuss constituency problems rather than delegations and on this occasion she would prefer to stick to that practice and to see you on your own.

If this is acceptable she would be pleased to meet you at a convenient moment: may I suggest that you contact Caroline Ryder here to arrange such a meeting.

(Timothy Flesher)

Dr. David Clark, M.P.

OA

cc MA



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

2 June 1986

Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister

As you will recall, I have seen you on a number of occasions about the high level of unemployment in my constituency, which sadly has deteriorated further.

Only last week we had the announcement of the British Rail waggon repair yards with the loss of 43 jobs as well as the announcement by Tyne Shiprepair of the closure of their facilities in South Shields.

The situation is even more serious, and as you know South Tyneside TTWA has the highest unemployment level in Great Britain. I wonder therefore whether you would be prepared to meet a small delegation of myself and three shop stewards to discuss the very serious problems we are facing in light of the fact that Tyne Shiprepair have told me that they are not prepared to sell the yard to any other shiprepair company and indeed there is a strong possibility that they will destroy the yard completely.

I do hope you will see us.

Yours sincerely

Dr David Clark MP

