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PRIME MINISTER

During your tour of North Wales in March 1987 you visited Breger and Gibson on the Greenfield Business Park, Holywell and while they were impressed by the case advanced by the Leader and Chief Executive of Delyn Borough Council to designate the Business Park as part of the Delyn Enterprise Zone. In subsequent correspondence with my predecessor, it was explained why Delyn's case could not be advanced until we had reached decisions on the Consultants' Review of Enterprise Zones.

We have now decided on the future policy for EZs and you will recall my letter of 21 March to Nicholas Ridley in which I expressed my doubts about an early announcement on creating an Enterprise Zone at Sunderland, given the difficulties this would present when I had yet to reach a decision on whether to pursue the extension for the Delyn Enterprise Zone.

Last week I undertook an extensive tour of the Delyn Enterprise Zone and the Greenfield Business Park. Like you, I was impressed by the vigour and commitment demonstrated by the Council in successfully marketing the Zone and Business Park and the dynamic approach to resolving the deep-seated industrial problems of the area. The outcome is that I am convinced that the only real option available is to extend the EZ regime to Greenfield. This minute is simply to advise you and colleagues that I will shortly be seeking agreement that the Business Park should be designated, irrespective of what we finally decide on Sunderland.

/ I am copying this to members of E(UP) and to Sir Robin Butler.

J. S. Martin

6 April 1988

Approved by the Secretary of State
and signed in his absence