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ADDITIONAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

Thank you for your letter of 17 May. I have also received letters of 18 May from Nick Edwards and of 19 May from Peter Walker.

I know that our officials are in touch about the pilot study of 3 of the enterprise zones which we expect to receive in the middle of the month. I recognise the close interest which you and Nick Edwards have in this study and its implications for enterprise zones policy, and I think that it would be right for us to meet with other colleagues, as I suggested in my letter of 6 May to Geoffrey Howe, once the report of the study is before us.

Nick Edwards has proposed that the Swansea zone might be included in the pilot study. I am afraid that this has not proved possible. The pilot study has had to be confined to 3 zones, and those chosen - Corby, Trafford and Hartlepool - were picked to reflect as wide a variety as possible of differing characteristics (development prospects, public/private land-ownership, assisted area status etc). In considering the study, however, we shall wish to draw on what knowledge we have of the experience of all the existing zones; and it is still the intention that the consultants carrying out the monitoring study should produce a report later in the year on all the zones.

I welcome Peter Walker's continuing interest in the policy. I recognise his preference for urban rather than greenfield sites, which the initial designations of zones largely met. The pilot study will, of course, throw further light on the factors to be taken into account in the selection of any further zones.

I am copying this letter as before.

yours

Michael Heseltine

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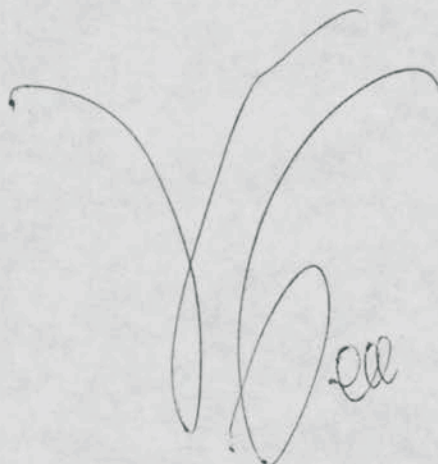

ENTERPRISE ZONES

I have been following the recent correspondence on the above subject with interest.

Although this is essentially a matter affecting the responsibility of other Departments, I must say I have considerable sympathy for what you have suggested. If it is felt that some further review of the experience gained to date is necessary it seems to me that Geoffrey Howe's suggestion in his letter to you of 30 April is sensible and I am glad to see that you propose to proceed on these lines.

I would not wish to be directly involved myself in the further Ministerial discussions that you and Geoffrey envisage. I would however like to be kept in touch generally as matters develop. I also assume that, if we do decide to extend our policy, we would, as before, continue to encourage the development of urban sites rather than green field sites.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of E Committee, George Younger, Nicholas Edwards and Sir Robert Armstrong.



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The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP

From The Secretary of State for Wales

18th May 1982

Dear Secretary of State

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 6 May to Geoffrey Howe. I welcome your suggestion that I should take part in the discussions on the consultants' report.

I understand that the consultants will be concentrating on 3 Enterprise Zones only, all in England, and taking them as illustrative of the various types and various stages of development of zones. I wonder whether the choice may prove to be too limiting or restrictive. Certainly I would be happy if the Swansea zone, which was the first zone established and is now among the most successful, were to be included in the immediate review.

I am copying this to recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely

Carys Evans

Approved by the
Secretary of State and
signed in his absence

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17. May 1982

Dear Michael,

ADDITIONAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

I have seen the recent correspondence beginning with your letter of 7 April to Geoffrey Howe. Like Patrick Jenkin and Norman Tebbit I think it is too early yet for us to be able to say with conviction that the Enterprise Zone idea, as now established in the 10 experimental zones, can be regarded as having proved itself. I too would prefer to wait for the results of the monitoring before going for the establishment of further zones, but agree that the early assessment you propose in your letter of 6 May will enable us to see the way forward more clearly.

I should like to be associated with the work on this matter from now on, and as soon as we are sure that we are on the right lines, I would certainly want to see the introduction of further zones in Scotland.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, to the Members of E Committee and to Nicholas Edwards and John Nott

Yours very,

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From The Secretary of State for Wales

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ADDITIONAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

I have seen your letter of 10 June to George Younger. I accept the difficulties of including detailed examinations of more than the selected three Zones.

I agree that we should meet as soon as the Consultants' report has been studied to take stock of the conclusions and consider additional designations.

I am copying this as before.

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