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FROM: THE RT.HON. SIR KEITH JOSEPH, Bt. MP.

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Rt.Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP.

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Dear Margaret.

I do not want to bother you with detail but I think - by my fault - that the work of Hugh Rossi on town planning and land has not been fully enough considered. He has, at my request, chaired a number of groups, each of which has reported. Several of the reports were considered by the Policy Sub-Committee of Shadow but none of the reports have been to Shadow itself. Hugh is anxious that the hard work of many people should not be wasted.

Hugh did write, nearly a year ago, ^{an} official article on our policy for the Estates Gazette - and the result was an enthusiastic leader in that paper, of which I attach a copy. More recently, the same paper has published a slightly critical leader, which I also enclose, regretting that we have not produced an official paper. It, therefore, becomes important to say a few of the right words in the manifesto and perhaps for Hugh or Michael to write an article for the Estates Gazette incorporating - as official policy - a bit more than will appear in the manifesto.

I am sending to Angus and Chris the relevant summary papers from Hugh together with a copy of this letter.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to Michael and to Hugh so that they can, between them, decide whether (by an article for the Estates Gazette or by some other way) the general shape of our policy can be made more widely known.

I am asking them to let Angus and me see a draft in advance, which we will, of course, clear with you if we think it raises any difficulties.

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