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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 March 1983

Dear Lord Harris,

Thank you for your letter of 16 February about the decision of Southwark Council not to employ contractors involved in work at Greenham Common.

As Irwin Bellwin made clear in reply to your very pertinent speech in the House of Lords, the Government entirely shares your concern over the action that Southwark have taken.

I should like to assure you that the Ministers concerned are in touch with Tarmac, and that very careful consideration is being given to both the immediate and the longer-term implications of Southwark's action.

I hope you will understand that because of the nature of the issues involved, I would prefer not to say more at this stage, but I was grateful to you for raising this important matter in the Lords.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

The Lord Harris of Greenwich

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