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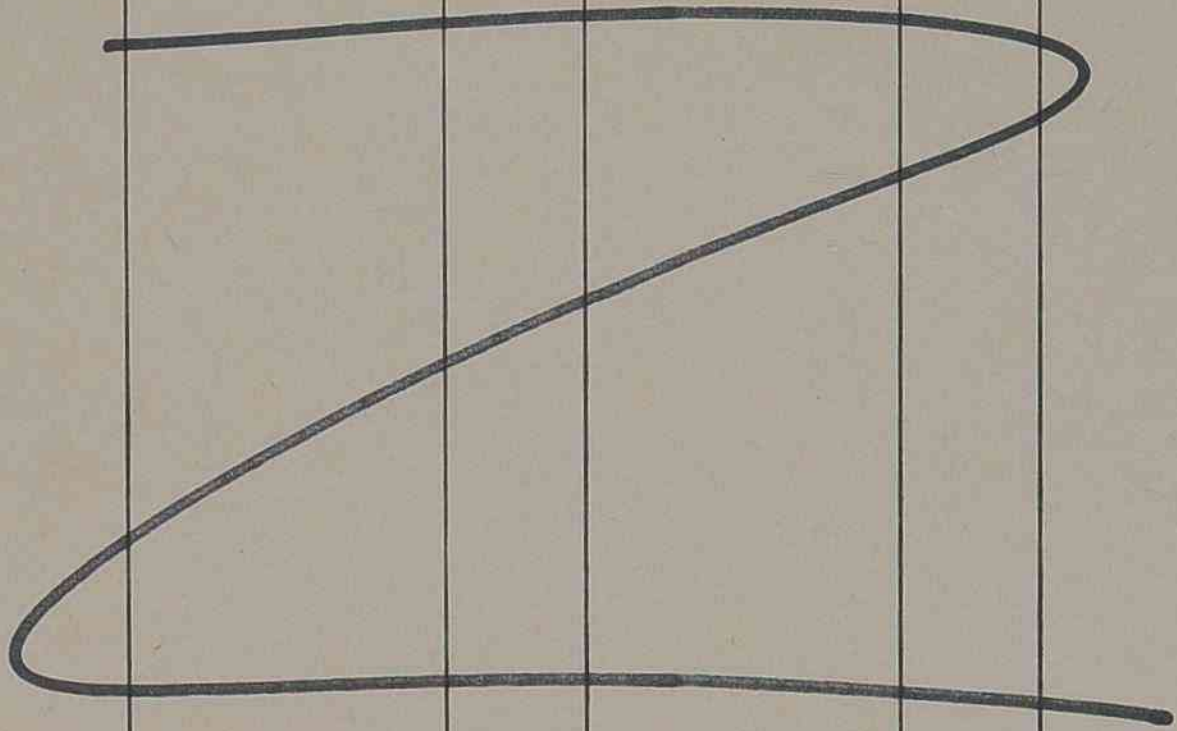
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23/10/1998	CMS	SS/CMS	The Millennium: A Progress Report	R	0
23/10/1998	SS/DTI	SOC	Dome Legacy	C	0
26/10/1998	HA/PS	DETR	(M) Millennium Dome	C	0
26/10/1998	HA/PS	PM	Dome sponsorship event	C	0
26/10/1998	HA/PS	DTI	Request for draft reply to SS/DID letter of 21/10	C	0
27/10/1998		PM	Letter from the Hindujas - Spirit dome	C	0
29/10/1998	HA/PS	DTI	The Dome and the Hindujas	C	0
30/10/1998	DETR	HA/PS	Millennium Dome	U	0
30/10/1998	DCMS	DCMS	Millennium Presentational roundup	R	0
30/10/1998			Millennium Dome : Legacy	U	0
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Date	From	To	Subject	Class	Secret
07/08/1998	PboT	PUS/HO	Licensing hours for the millenium holiday	C	0
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14/08/1998	PU		Millenium-Message from Geoff Brown (Home Office)	U	0
17/08/1998	SS/DoH	DPM	Licensing Hours for the Millenium Holiday	U	0
20/08/1998	SS/CMS	PUS/HO	Licensing Hours for the Millenium Holiday	U	0
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21/08/1998	SO	DPM	Licensing hours for the millenium holiday	U	0
21/08/1998	HA/PS	PM	Millenium Commissioner	C	0
24/08/1998	M/MAFF	PUS/HO	Licensing Hours for the Millennium Holiday	U	0
24/08/1998	Cab Off	PUS/HO	Better Regulation : relation of Licensing hours	U	0
26/08/1998	Cab Off		Next meeting of the MISC4 officials group	U	0
01/09/1998	PUS/HO	Cab Off	Licensing hours for the millennium Holiday	C	0
02/09/1998	EA/APS	PM	Licensing hours for the millennium holiday	C	0
03/09/1998	EST	DPM	Report of the working group on legacy options for the millenium dome	C	0
04/09/1998	Cab Off	DCMS	First order questions: millenium experience	C	0
07/09/1998	EA/APS	HO	Licensing hours for the millennium holiday	C	0
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09/09/1998	SS/DTI	DPM	The millennium experience : Leagacy	C	0
09/09/1998	DCMS		Millenium presentational roundup	U	0
10/09/1998	HA/PS	DTI	Dome update	C	0
10/09/1998	HA/PS	Cab Off	First order questions: millenium experience	C	0
11/09/1998	SS/DTI	SS/DfEE	Millenium experience: childrens promise	U	0
14/09/1998	Cab Off	EA/APS	Next Meeting Of The MISC 4 Officials Group	C	0
14/09/1998	DPM	PUS/HO	Licensing hours for the millenium holiday	U	0
15/09/1998	cos	PM	Millenium	C	0
18/09/1998	Cab Off	PS/SOC	The millenium experience: legacy	C	0
18/09/1998	SS/CMS	DPM	Report of the working group on legacy options for the millennium dome	C	0
23/09/1998	Ch.Staff	PboT	Michael Levy - nmec	C	0
25/09/1998	EA/APS		Letters to various professors on Millenium lectures	C	0
25/09/1998	DCMS	HA/PS	Launch of the millenium awards fellowship	U	0
25/09/1998	DCMS	SS/CMS	Millenium presentation roundup	U	0
25/09/1998	DCMS		Letter to secretaries of state: The Millenium: a progress report	R	0
30/09/1998	DCMS	DCMS	Millennium Presentation roundup	R	0
02/10/1998	DCMS		The millenium: a progress report	R	0
09/10/1998	DCMS		The millenium: a progress report	C	0
16/10/1998	CMS	SS/CMS	Millenium Presentational Roundup	R	0
16/10/1998				C	0
16/10/1998	HA/PS	Ch.Staff	The Dome and the Hinduja	C	0
16/10/1998	CMS	SS/CMS	The Millennium: A progress report	R	0
16/10/1998	PU	SS/DTI	Millennium Experience	R	0
19/10/1998	HA/PS	DTI	Millennium Experience: Update	U	0
20/10/1998				C	0
20/10/1998	Cab Off	HA/PS	Millennium Experience: Update	C	0
20/10/1998	HA/PS	Cab Off	Millennium Experience	R	0
21/10/1998	SS/DID	PM	Use of the Millennium Dome	C	0
21/10/1998	Cab Off	HA/PS	Dome legacy - e-mail	C	0
21/10/1998	CMS	SS/CMS	Millennium meeting with the Prime Minister	R	0
21/10/1998	HA/PS	PM	Millennium Update	R	0
21/10/1998	SS/DID	PM	Suggestion that the Millennium dome be used to host the UN Millenni	C	0
22/10/1998	HA/PS	PM	Follow up items from Dome meeting 22.10.98	R	0

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30 October 1998

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Robin Young
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Clare Salters
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John Newbiggin
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THE MILLENNIUM: A PROGRESS REPORT

Millennium Commission

The Millennium Commission have today applied for powers of administration over a Manchester-based project called "Visions". The project was in severe trouble, and this will secure the Commission's investment and, hopefully, salvage the core of the project (a multi-use community centre).

Millennium Experience

Sponsorship

2 The NMEC are working towards more announcements on sponsorship around the 400 day marker.

Legacy

3 NMEC and English Partnerships have submitted a joint paper to Ministers on legacy. This is helpful. DETR are also intending to put a paper to Ministers shortly. Cabinet Office are calling a meeting on 9 November. The DPM is, apparently, resistant to their being involved in this process. In short, good progress is being made in spite of DETR.

Jubilee Line

4 The CMS Select Committee are planning to call LT in in November to discuss the JLE.

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Millennium Festival

5 I had a good meeting with the Arts Council and the Millennium Commission this week about the Birmingham Arts Festival. We are meeting the project organisers in two weeks' time.

First Weekend

6 We have a meeting of the full First Weekend Group on 4 November. This will focus on progress throughout the UK. There also be a meeting on millennium church services that day. The Millennium Commission are working on a paper to put to their Commissioners' meeting on 11 November on funding for First Weekend projects.

International issues

8 Chris Smith met the Canadian Deputy Prime Minister this morning and is speaking at a dinner in his honour this evening (in Worthing). I am attending this and the discussions about UK/Canada relations tomorrow. Progress is being made on the follow-up to the Rome meeting. The White House are now keen to reconvene the Rome Group in Trondheim at the end of November and are preparing papers on the various initiatives (International Youth Day; linking millennium projects and cultural heritage trails). Mike O'Connor is going to be pretty occupied with the Millennium truck at that time, so it looks as if it will be me who has to go to Norway in November.

Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

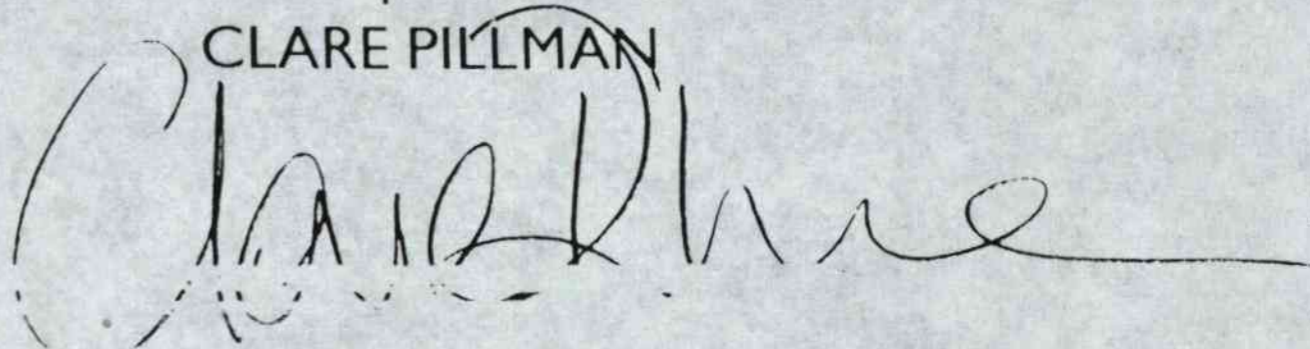
9 I spoke to the Clerk to the Select Committee today. He will finalise the details of the next inquiry with the Chairman next week, but it now looks as if they will not be taking any evidence from us before Christmas. They will focus on transport in November/December, taking evidence from Government Office for London; London Transport and other transport providers.

P.Qs etc

10 The Lords Oral Question on Thursday went well. Questioning focused on the Spirit Zone, content and the perceived conflict of interest between the role of the Shareholder and his DTI responsibilities. The question about conflict came from Lord Skidelsky and is clearly what the Opposition front bench will be pushing. There was also an EDM on this subject yesterday. We have two millennium questions well down the order for CMS questions and the usual quota of Dome questions. The latter focus on sponsorship, national programme and catering. We have a briefing session with SoST&I on Thursday.

11 Mike Hancock has secured an adjournment debate on the Portsmouth Harbour millennium project at 10.30pm on Monday. Janet Anderson will respond for the Government.

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This will now not go until
Monday. Content for Angus to
see X?

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From the Private Secretary

30 October 1998

Ms. The DPM
wanted to know
what the working group
had produced its report, but I had not indicated
him the object of our chairing a meeting.

1. John Everage
2. Sebastian Wood.

This seems right to me.
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Grateful for your views on this.

PM is clear that he wants to remain firm on substance
but

(i) no point in resisting if DETR/DCMS
do not have a legitimate gripe

MILLENNIUM DOME: LEGACY

Thank you for your letter of earlier today.

(ii) is the tone too bolshy? (I am v
annoyed at Unwin's claim, which is plain

I have been over my notes of the meeting on 21 October with some care, as well as checking with both the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretary as to their recollection of what was agreed. As far as we are concerned, the outcome of the meeting was quite clear: a DETR led working group is currently finalising a report on legacy issues. Once that report is complete, a Cabinet Office chaired meeting at official level would be held to pull together any issues needing collective discussion.

The Deputy Prime Minister did not indicate at the meeting that he was unhappy with this proposal. Nor, for the record, did I acknowledge to you that he had in our subsequent discussion. What I acknowledged, and I think is clear from my record, was that the Deputy Prime Minister was evidently concerned about some of the suggestions that he had heard from NMEC and wished to flag up his wish to protect the interests of English Partnerships. This is essentially the point in the fourth paragraph of your letter.

Until we have the report of the group, it is difficult to judge the precise extent to which issues will arise from it that will require collective discussion. However, the Prime Minister remains clear that if such issues do need discussion, then given the stake that a number of departments have in them (DETR's not least, but also DCMS in the investment that is going into the Dome itself); the appropriate way to take forward discussion at official level would be under neutral chairmanship.

Angus
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Date: 30 October 1998

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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

The Past Week: Media

[Copy recipients please note: NMEC circulates lines on all running stories with its daily press summaries. If you do not receive these summaries and would like more information on any particular line, please contact NMEC press office. Lines on Commission business are also circulated as necessary and are available from its press office.]

The Saturday Financial Times had a piece about Bristol's new bridge and related copy about the @Bristol project which is being heavily funded by Commission money.

Some Sunday papers carried news that McDonalds was about to announce its sponsorship of the Dome. Ford was also mentioned as a likely sponsor. London Tonight and most of the dailies picked this up on Monday.

Christopher Chope's early day motion on Thursday sparked modest fresh press interest in Peter Mandelson's dual role as SoS T&I and NMEC shareholder. A small item appeared in the Telegraph the next day and a slightly larger piece in the Independent.

BBC 2 aired its "First Sight" programme from the Dome on Thursday evening, with a debate mostly pro-Dome in tone. The two families who were brought along produced positive vox pops.

Friday's Independent had a good feature by Nonie Niesewand trailing Peter Mandelson's launch of a further tranche of Millennium Products at the CBI conference next week.

The Week's Events

The Commission published its Awards brochure with accompanying news release on Thursday. It laid its Annual Report and Accounts the same day. You both have had copies of these documents.

Last week's launch of the Commission-funded Ceramica project in Stoke led to offers of future promotional help from Anthea Turner and Jon Snow.

Chris Smith will have a draft article from us tonight for placing in the next issue of the Local Government Association newspaper.

Lord McIntosh answered a question from Lord Peyton on Thursday about progress on the Millennium Dome. Supplementaries concentrated on religion, content and SoS T&I's role as shareholder in relation to his current responsibilities. There was no difficulty.

I had a further meeting with DCMS Information Services colleagues this week and have had a further version of the electronic database demonstrated. It appears to be able to do everything we wanted. It should be possible to have it up and running over the next 7-10 days.

This week's roundup meeting covered plans for marking "400 days to go". At present, the Commission plans to launch the mobile Millennium unit on 21 November via an appearance on National Lottery Live by Chris Smith. NMEC anticipates staging an event on 26 November which will reveal more on Dome content and, possibly, feature a sponsorship announcement. I will give you a more detailed account of these plans next week.

We also had a good talk about how to capitalise on the slow news week between Christmas and New Year which will mark one year to go. A lot of good ideas were suggested and I will produce a paper in due course for your consideration.

You have my submission now on detailed proposals for next January's conference on Millennium presentation. (I am advised that the word 'Millennium' was spelled at one point without a full complement of Ls - apologies.)

Next Week's Media

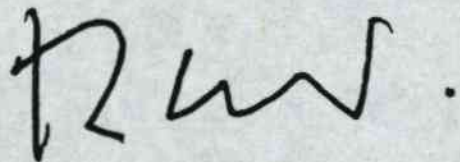
We have not been advised of any stories likely to run at the weekend.

Next Week's Events

The Commission is trying to interest national papers in the launch of the Highlands and Islands University today. The Times may run something.

We are meeting Peter Mandelson next Thursday to discuss handling of the next Dome oral questions on 9 November. I am talking to NMEC, who are working on possible announcements for the day.

Chris Smith is meeting a group of Scarman Trust Millennium Award winners next Friday at the Department to help mark the launch of the Trust's Can Do initiative in the London region. A pool of invited media will be present for part of the meeting. I will give you a submission on Tuesday setting out details.



RODNEY WATSON

FORWARD LOOK, THE UK MILLENNIUM - FROM 30 OCTOBER 1998

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DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT			
ongoing				Regional media days at Dome		Regional Media	Feature outputs in local papers	Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
30/10/98	Wick College, The Shore, Wick, Scotland	11.00 - 13.30	The University of the Highlands and islands (MC grant £33,354,000) – to create a new university for the Highlands and Islands	Official opening		The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money into this new university TA: National, regional, local and specialist press and the general public	The University of the Highlands and islands Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
30/10/98	Scotland		Learning Experience Schoolnet 2000	Scottish education launch		TA Scottish media and public		Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
during Oct/Nov.	Across UK			Consumer campaign around M&S in-store promos		Promoting Children's Promise with customers	Encourage donations	M&S
1 st /2 nd week in Nov.	Manchester	tbc	Youth Powerhouse, Moss Side (MC grant of £1,405,400) – a new Powerhouse for the young people of Moss Side	Launch		The Millennium Commission is Investing in education by investing lottery money in the Youth Powerhouse TA: National, regional, local and specialist press and the general public	Youth Powerhouse Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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01/11/98	Floodlighting St. Nicholas Church, Sutton, Surrey	18.30	Church Floodlighting (MC grant of £8017.25) - an umbrella project to floodlight 400 churches	Floodlighting the church Jim Briscoe from the MC will be attending		The MC is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the country. TA: National, Regional and specialist media and the general public	Church Floodlighting Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
02/11/98	Red Lodge Millennium Centre, Bury St Edmunds	14.15 - 15.30	Red Lodge Millennium Centre (MC Grant of £565,500) a working demonstration of an energy efficient community centre	1 st sod turning	Chris Spicely from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money into the Red Lodge Millennium Centre TA: Regional and specialist media and the general public	Red Lodge Millennium Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
02/11/98	House of Commons	22.30	Portsmouth Harbour	Adjournment debate (Mike Hancock MP)	Janet Anderson MP to answer	Portsmouth Harbour project is good for the city. City Council's funding decisions are none of our business. MPs, Press Gallery	Officials will attend	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
02/11/98	NEC, Birmingham			CBI conference	Peter Mandelson to speak - will announce 2nd tranche of Millennium Products			Duncan Stroud DTI
03/11/98	Dome site			Catholic press officers visiting Dome				John Barber Mill. Comm. 0171 880 2092

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03/11/98	Munich			BTA Germany launch				Jacinta Johnston NMEC 0171 808 8655
04/11/98	Dusseldorf			BTA Germany launch				Jacinta Johnston NMEC 0171 808 8655
03/11/98	Manchester			NW media group meeting				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
05/11/98	DCMS, London	13.30 - 14.15	Scarman Trust People's Millennium Awards (MC Grant £1.2m) - the Trust will offer 500 Awards of £2,000	Launch of London phase of scheme (phase 2 of 10)	SoS CMS to attend	The MC is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. TA: National, regional, specialist media and general public	Invited pool of media will report SoS's meeting with Scarman Trust representatives	Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 6356
06/11/98	Clonoe Community Centre, Coalisland, NI	tbc	Clonoe Community Centre (MC Grant of £613,000) - this project will provide a high quality, multi-purpose facility for all age groups in a remote area.	Official Opening Kevin Burke from the MC	Kevin Burke from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing money in the Clonoe Community Centre. TA: Local media	Clonoe Community Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
09/11/98	House of Commons, London	15.00 (tbc)		DCMS oral questions		We will be looking for good announcements for the day	Press Officers in Gallery. Peter Mandelson will answer Dome questions.	Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 6356
11/11/98	DfEE, London	11.30	Learning Experience, Schoolnet 2000	PR Event - David Blunkett to be interviewed by children				Fiona Charlesworth
11/11/98	Dome site			SE media trip to Dome - Hampshire				

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12/11/98	Church House, Westminster, London	tbc	Sustrans, the National Cycle Network (MC grant of £43,500,000) – the creation of a millennium cycle route throughout the UK	A reception to support the development of the Thames Cycle Route	Bill Alexandra and Angela Salt from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the National Cycle Network. TA: National and local media and specialist press	Sustrans Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98	Peace Gardens, Sheffield	13.00 - 14.00	Remaking the Heart of the City (MC grant £20,500,000 for this multi site project) – to revitalise the centre of Sheffield	Tour of inspection	Prince Charles to attend A Director from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this heart of Sheffield TA: National, regional, local and specialist press and the general public	Remaking the Heart of the City Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98 possible	Clara Park, Knock, Belfast	tbc	Belfast 2000, A City with a Landscape (MC grant of £2,640,900) - to improve the local environment in deprived areas of Belfast	Official opening (Phase 1)		The Millennium Commission is revitalising our communities by investing lottery money in the Belfast 2000 project TA: Local and regional press, specialist media and general public	Belfast 2000 Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98 -15/11/98	Manchester			APMEA Launch	Travel Trade			BTA

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14/11/98	Glastonbury	tbc	National Cycle Network, (MC grant of £43,500,000 for this multi site project) – creation of 2,785 mile millennium cycle route in the UK	Unveiling of sculpture		The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the National Cycle Network TA: Local and regional press and the general public	The National Cycle Network Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
14/11/98	Kiltarlity, Inverness-shire, Scotland	tbc	21 st Century Halls for Scotland (MC grant of £7,800,000) – a multi-site project which will provide at least 70 new and improved halls throughout rural Scotland	Opening		The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing money in the Kiltarlity Village Hall TA: Regional and local press and the general public	21 st Century Halls For Scotland and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
14/11/98	Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Cambridgeshire	13.30 - 15.15	Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Project 2000 (MC Grant of £160,000) – the original hall will be refurbished	Opening	Bill Alexander and Kate Burditt from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Whittlesford Memorial Hall. TA: Local media and the general public	Whittlesford Memorial Hall Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
14/11/98	Soulbury, Nr. Leighton Bussard, Bucks	tbc	Millennium Greens (MC grant of £10 million) – project will create 250 breathing spaces known as Millennium Greens throughout England	Start on site		The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the Millennium Greens project TA: Regional, local and specialist press and the general public	Millennium Greens Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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16/11/98	Dome site			SE media trip to Dome - Oxfordshire				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
w/c 16/11/98				Parliament prorogued				
17/11/98	Ashton Centre, Belfast	tbc	New Start Millennium Award Scheme (MC Grant of £380,000) – the awards will offer a new opportunity for local people to play an active part in the developing their own community.	Launch of the Award scheme	Erica Roberts from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – Regional and national media	The New Start Millennium Award Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
17/11/98	Banqueting Hall			LTB Launch - Millennium City and possible <i>String of Pearls</i>				E. Boyden LTB 0171 808 8257 Jacinta Johnston NMEC 0171 808 8655
18/11/98	Dome site			East midlands junior board and media opportunity - site tour				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
18/11/98- 19/11/98				World travel market				Jacinta Johnston NMEC 0171 808 8655
19/11/98	Dome site			BTA overseas press officers site visit				Jacinta Johnston NMEC 0171 808 8655

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20/11/98 tbc	Symposium Hall, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh (tbc)	10.30 - 14.00 (tbc)	SCRAN - Scottish Cultural Rural Access Network (MC Grant of £7,474,200) – multi media project which will present Scotland's cultural resources in an affordable and accessible way to schools, colleges, libraries throughout Scotland.	'Switching On' of system.	Lord Dalkeith to attend. There will be a live video link up with two classes of school children in the Shetlands.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money in Scotland and supporting this project. TA: Regional and National media. Specialist media (education) and general public	SCRAN Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
20/11/98	Midland Bank, Croydon	Pm	Croydon Skyline (MC grant of £2,077,708) – a project which will use new lighting technology to transform a number of Croydon town centre buildings.	Children in Need event		The Millennium Commission is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in the Croydon Skyline Project TA: National, regional, local and specialist press and the general public	Croydon Skyline Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
21/11/98 - 23/11/98	London			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects			Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
21/11/98	Lottery Live (TV)	19.50	Mobile Millennium unit MC investing lots of money throughout the UK.	Launch of unit	Chris Smith MP will attend	TA: Regional and National media and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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23/11/98 Possible	Possible British Museum, London	a.m. (mid)	Mobile Millennium unit – truck event. Millennium Commission investing lots of money throughout the UK including London	1 st event		TA: National media and Trade Press and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
23/11/98	British Museum London			Millennium Voyager	VIP/Press launch			Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
24/11/98	London	tbc	State opening of Parliament Queen's speech					
24/11/98	Dome site		SE media trip to Dome - Bucks					
25/11/98 (tbc)	Drumallagh, Strabane	tbc	Woods On Your Doorstep, Northern Ireland -(MC Grant of £4,617,000) – a multi site project which will upgrade or provide new community centres throughout NI	Planting Event		The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the Woods on Your Doorstep project TA: Regional and local press and the general public	Woods On Your Doorstep Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
26/11/98 & 27/11/98	London	11.00		Press conference to coincide with 400 days to go	5 minute film on contents. Jennie Page to hold Q&A session	Blanket national coverage sought	Major media event	Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303

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26/11/98 & 27/11/98				400 days to go	Both NMEC and Commission working with Govt. to mark this milestone		Major media event	Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303 Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 6356
28/11/98	Central London	15.30 - 17.30	Save The Children (MC Grant of £1.2 million) – 72 awards to young people aged 16 – 20 throughout the UK.	Launch of Award Scheme	A Royal presence is expected and Lord Dalkeith will be attending	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA: Local, regional and national press, specialist press and the general public	Save The Children Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
28/11/98	Broughton Hall, near Skipton	19.00	Dales Environet (MC Grant of £4,000,870) – encouraging communities to look after their environment	Evening dinner for the 'well connected'		The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing money into this project. TA: Local press	Dales Environet Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
28/11/98 (tbc)	Southway, Londonderry	tbc	Woods On Your Doorstep – Northern Ireland (MC Grant of £4,617,000) – a multi site project which will upgrade or provide new community centres throughout NI	Planting Event		The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the Woods on Your Doorstep project TA: Regional and local press and the general public	Woods On Your Doorstep Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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29/11/98 (tbc)	Clandeboyne Estate, NI	tbc	Woods On Your Doorstep – Northern Ireland (MC Grant of £4,617,000) – a multi site project which will upgrade or provide new community centres throughout NI	Guided Walk		The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the Woods on Your Doorstep project TA: Regional and local press and the general public	Woods On Your Doorstep Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
30/11/98	Birmingham	am	Millennium Point (MC grant of £50,000,000) – a world class centre of technology and learning	Architectural Design Unveiling		The Millennium Commission is promoting science and technology by investing money in Millennium Point TA: Regional and local press and the general public	Millennium Point Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
30/11/98	London	pm	Millennium Point (MC grant of £50,000,000) – a world class centre of technology and learning	Architectural Design Unveiling		The Millennium Commission is promoting science and technology by investing money in Millennium Point TA: National and specialist press and the general public	Millennium Point Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
undated Nov.	Leeds (Yorks and Humberside)	tbc	Leeds Millennium Square (MC grant £5.4m) New public space	Start on site		The MC is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this new public space in Leeds TA: National and regional media and the general public	Leeds Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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undated Nov.	London	tbc	British Council Youth Millennium Awards	Launch of scheme / reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK	MC grant £2.1m. The scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience which will be of direct benefit to their local communities. TA - national and regional	Award partner	
undated Nov.	Brierly Forest Park, Ashfield Notts., Saltmill Saltash, Plymouth (Umbrella Projects)	tbc	Changing Places – Groundwork Foundation (MC Grant of £22,100,000) - A multi-site project to reclaim wasteland to enhance local environment	Launches		The Millennium Commission is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money reclaiming land for new public use. TA: Regional and national media and the general public	The Changing Places Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Nov.				Consumer campaign around Tesco's in-store promos	For information		Consumer promotion	NMEC/Tescos
undated Nov.				Millennium Treasures Launch	No sponsor			tbc
undated Nov.				World Travel Market Press Brief				
undated Nov.				5th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
late Nov.				Round up on large Festival grants				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223

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undated Nov.	tba	tba	Mobile Mill. Unit	Launch of travelling exhibition	23 city tour to promote work of Mill. Comm.	To enhance public awareness of Mill. Comm. projects around UK	tba	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2090
undated Nov/Dec.				Millennium Commission poster campaign	Launch of poster campaign on award schemes			
01/12/98	London	11.00	The Lowry (MC grant of £15,650,000) – a waterfront complex in Salford to include a two theatres and a gallery	Media briefing day	The MC Chairman and other MC reps have been invited	The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money in The Lowry TA: National and specialist media and the general public	The Lowry Press Office and Hardsell are arranging this event	Peter Harlock Hardsell 0171 403 4037
02/12/98				BITC payroll giving conference				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
02/12/98				CBI West Midlands Regions - Senior Executive Lunch				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
03/12/98 or 09/12/98	Dome site			Media call at site with Peter Gabriel				Gabrielle Owtram NMEC 0171 808 8226
04/12/98 - 12/12/98	Norwich			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 07/12/98	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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08/12/98	New Picture House, Stratford	10.10		Thames Gateway Conference	SoS DTI & Jennie Page to speak			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 305 3403
2 nd week in Dec.	Inverness College, Inverness	tbc	The University of the Highlands and islands (MC grant £33,354,000) – to create a new university for the Highlands and Islands	Official opening		The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money into this new university TA: National, regional, local and specialist press and the general public	The University of the Highlands and islands Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
09/12/98	Dome site			Possible Sky News forum				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
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10/12/98				YMCA/Anne Frank "web of insight" launch				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
11/12/98				Marketing Society Xmas Lunch	Jennie speaking			
12/12/98 - 21/12/98	Leicester			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 14/12/98	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
15/12/98	Dome site			SE media trip to Dome - Surrey				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223

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15/12/98	Central London	15.30 - 17.30	Save The Children (MC grant of £1.2 million) – 72 awards to young people aged 16 – 20 throughout the UK.	Launch of Award Scheme	A Royal presence is expected and Lord Dalkeith will be attending	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA: Local, regional and national press, specialist press and the general public	Save The Children Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
15/12/98 (likely)			Possible trailer for NMEC advertising campaign					
w/c 15/12/98				NMEC to relaunch website				
27/12/98 - 03/01/99	Leeds			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 29/12/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
31/12/98				Possible involvement with Greenwich and Docklands Festival				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 305 3403
undated Dec.				6th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303

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undated Dec.				Economic Impact Assessment Report	Greenwich Council, English Partnerships and NMEC			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 305 3403
Dec/Jan				Announcement of Festival Grants Awards				Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
Dec/Jan				TV & Outdoor Advertising starts				Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320
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Beginning of the year	Trillick, Co. Tyrone	a.m.	Enterprise Leisure, Trillick (MC grant of £350,000) - a multi-purpose building for the whole of the community to use	Official opening	Lord Glentoran from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is supporting local communities by investing lottery money in this multi-purpose facility TA: Local and regional press and general public	Enterprise Leisure Press Office and Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
04/01/99 - 11/01/99	Hull			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 05/01/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
12/01/99 - 20/01/99	Newcastle			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 13/01/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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20/01/99	DTI conference centre, London	all-day	"Presenting the Millennium"	1 day conference to discuss plans for presentation of the UK millennium	Speakers to include Chris Smith and Peter Mandelson (tbc)			Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 6356
21/01/99 - 29/01/99	Edinburgh			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 22/01/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
30/01/99 - 07/02/99	Inverness			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 01/02/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
30/01/99	Great Baddow, Essex	tbc	Great Baddow Community Centre (MC Grant of £233,825) - project to part replace and enlarge an existing community centre in a large suburban parish.	Opening		The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Baddow Community Centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Great Baddow Community Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
undated Jan.				7th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
undated Jan.	Dome site	07.00		Possible O/B on Jazz FM including several live interviews	Robbie Vincent keen Dome supporter	Listeners	John Prescott possible interview	Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308

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undated Jan.				PR re-launch of trade ticket sales				
undated Jan.				Economic Impact Assessment				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 305 3403
undated Jan.				Travel recruitment & travelling stories for trade press				
end Jan.				VIP visit suite and reception facilities at site				Deborah Oliver NMEC 0171 808 8325
08/02/99 - 16/02/99	Glasgow			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 09/02/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
17/02/99 - 25/02/99	Carlisle			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 18/02/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
26/02/99 - 06/03/99	Manchester			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 01/03/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Feb.				8th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303

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06/03/99				300 days to go				
07/03/99 - 15/03/99	Sheffield			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 08/03/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
16/03/99 - 24/03/99	Nottingham			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 17/03/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
25/03/99 - 02/04/99	Birmingham			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 26/03/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated March				9th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
03/04/99 - 11/04/99	Coventry			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 06/04/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
12/04/99 - 20/04/99	Cardiff			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 13/04/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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21/04/99 - 29/04/99	Caernarfon			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 22/04/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
30/04/99 - 08/05/99	Liverpool			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 04/05/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated April				Jubilee Line Trains run (tbc)				
undated April				10th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
undated April				Thames Gateway Conference at London Arena				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 305 3403
11/05/99 - 19/05/99	Belfast			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 12/05/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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19/05/99	Brancaster Mill Centre - Norfolk (Millennium Activity Centre)	tbc	Brancaster Mill Centre in Norfolk (MC Grant of £370k) – a residential activity centre to be used by people of all ages and backgrounds involved in conservation	Opening ceremony	Graham Savage, Director of Corporate Services will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in this residential activity centre. TA: Regional media and the general public	Brancaster Mill Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
19/05/99	Meanwood Valley Farm, Leeds	tbc	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, Leeds (MC Grant of £175,000) – project to develop an environmental centre designed as a local visitor attraction in an inner city area.	Opening		The Millennium Commission are encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in this environmental centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
20/05/99 - 28/05/99	Londonderry			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 21/05/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated May				11th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
07/06/99 - 15/06/99	Bristol			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 08/06/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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14/06/99				200 days to go				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
16/06/99 - 24/06/99	Truro			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 17/06/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
25/06/99 - 03/07/99	Portsmouth			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 28/07/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated June				12th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
undated June				Travel Trade trip to New Mill. Pier				Jacinta Johnston NMEC 0171 808 8655
June/July				TV and Outdoor advertising	2nd Phase tbc			Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320
04/07/99 - 12/07/99	London			Millennium Voyager	Truck and local poster campaign will raise awareness of projects		VIP/Press day 05/07/99	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated July				Tickets go on sale				
undated July				13th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303

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undated July				Annual Report & Accounts published			Press conference (TBC)	Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
undated August				14th Media Forum				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
undated August				Meridian point complete				
22/09/99				100 days to go				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
undated Sept.				2nd Granada series begins				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
undated Oct.				Party Conference receptions				
undated Dec.				Travel Trade previews				
undated Dec.				Consumer previews				
Late 1999				South Bank Show on the Central Show				Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
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undated Jan.				Multi-part documentary series about project begins	BBC			Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

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30 OCT 1998

Dear Angus

MILLENNIUM DOME

Thank you for your letter of 26 October recording the discussion about the Millennium Dome on 21 October. The Deputy Prime Minister has asked me to respond.

Your letter (third page, top paragraph) refers to Cabinet Office chairing a meeting at official level to pull together issues arising from the report. As you acknowledged in our discussion shortly after the meeting, the DPM did not agree to this course of action. He has asked me to emphasise that DETR should continue to take the lead on legacy issues on the Dome and that his officials should chair the working group.

As agreed with Ministers previously, the working group are now completing their report to Ministers about the competition for the Dome at Greenwich. The working group has included representations from the Treasury (both DETR and DCMS shadow representatives) since its beginning and the DPM is happy for Cabinet Office to be invited to any further meetings necessary to finish the report. The DPM proposes that Ministers discuss the arrangements for collective agreement when they have sight of the report.

Finally the DPM wishes me to record that he was concerned to learn at the meeting that NMEC were developing contingency plans with English Partnerships to fill NMEC's potential funding gap. This is a point that Ministers will need to return to in the light of the report but the DPM is firmly of the view that EP's role does not extend to filling this gap. Nor has DETR agreed to EP entering into discussions on such contingency plans.

I am copying this letter to Ben Coates (DTI), Tony Dyer (DCMS), Clive Maxwell (HMT) and Sebastian Wood (Cabinet Office).

Yours
Peter

PETER UNWIN
Principal Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

29 October 1998

Dear Antony,

THE DOME AND THE HINDUJAS

As we discussed earlier, I am writing to let you have a copy of the letter that the Prime Minister has today received from Srichand Hinduja.

I would be grateful if you could give me some quick advice as to whether what it claims - that NMEC, Lord Levy and the Hindujas are meeting today to finalise an agreement - is true. If so, this comes as something of a surprise here.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Powell and Sebastian Wood.

v
JWB,

Angus

ANGUS LAPSLEY

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The Rt Hon Tony Blair, MP
10 Downing Street
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27 October 1998

Dear Prime Minister,

GP and I are aware of your personal commitment to the Spirit Zone, and thus we thought we would keep you informed of our discussions with the NMEC on this project.

The sensitive nature of the Spirit Zone's contents and the fact that it attracted no commercial sponsorship has led to extensive criticism and neglect of the Zone. But our family mission for many generations has been to improve multi-cultural understanding, and as a result, we realised the importance of the zone in raising awareness and promoting goodwill between different faiths. Therefore we decided to come forward and offer to underwrite the zone.

Both NMEC and the Hinduja Foundation have agreed to make joint endeavours in involving business leaders from major faiths to support the Spirit Zone. We were encouraged to hear from Jennie Page that hopes for the Spirit Zone are now much higher than earlier as our involvement has concentrated a lot of minds on the opportunities presented by this Zone. We are now in the final stage of agreeing with the NMEC how best to bring others together to support this project. We see this as an interesting and worthwhile project which, under your leadership, will benefit the nation and the world at large.

Jennie Page and Michael Levy have organised a meeting on Thursday to finalise our agreement. We would appreciate your timely guidance and support. I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Srichand P Hinduja

Srichand P Hinduja

With regards from GP and myself

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funding for the Reg, it is
to see way for the county
we should do it, but
only if it is certain to make
large bonds for the Reg

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I really don't mind but I really don't want it to be by an event & No 10 is better I can get some more money in

From: Angus Lapsley
Date: 26 October 1998

Prime Minister

cc: Jonathan Powell
Alastair Campbell
Peter Hyman

DOME SPONSORSHIP EVENT

Following my earlier note, you asked "why not if it works". Why not is:

- it is actually very hard to fit this in, certainly as an evening event before Christmas, without dropping something else. A day event might be easier;
- it would mean sponsors, or potential sponsors, getting in to No 10 on the basis of the money they are putting into the Dome. Whilst this is perfectly defensible in one sense, it would inevitably attract sniping from the media and, arguably, bad publicity for the Dome itself. The invitees would be exactly the kind of corporate grandee we are trying to avoid inviting to No 10 receptions.

I am not too worried about it.

I would be more persuaded if NMEC had put together a good case for how it will actually get sponsors in the bag, or get those that have to stop playing their contracts so long. On the basis of the note they sent (attached), I do not think that they have established this case. Essentially this event would demonstrate NMEC's clout and generate some good feeling. Whether it would alter the commercial judgement of these firms, in the way that personalised pressure from you would do, I doubt.

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You might want to talk this through with Peter. For me, a telling point is that he has not really pressurised you for it, as he would do if he felt it mattered.

A less risky – but also possibly less effective – option might be for you to attend an event elsewhere, such as the Dome itself. If this were tied into another Dome announcement, you might get some of the advantages, without the cash-for-access downside. Are you attracted to this?

Angus

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cc: EAPs
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The Rt Hon Peter Mandelson MP
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry



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I think we need your views on
this. I am instinctively cautious,
but TB will be keen. I just fear
it is too close to cash for awards.

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20 October 1998

I also think you should come to
the Millennium round up on
Thursday.

1330-1400
You could
you'll be
briefing
press @
1330
AK.

- Alapsley
My instincts are the
same as yours, but TB
very fed up 'st
AC
→ Plus AC could make Millennium
meeting on Thursday.
unfortunately

Dear Angus

NMEC SPONSORS: EVENT AT NO 10

We have discussed on a number of occasions the possibility of
an event at No 10 for NMEC sponsors.

The importance of such an event for the company would be
primarily business-related. It is one year since NMEC began
its sponsorship drive, and whilst they have done extremely
well to get £100m committed, they need a final push to clinch
deals and get contracts finalised. Getting sponsorship cash
income in the next couple of months is crucial in terms of
the budget. An event involving the Prime Minister would
serve to concentrate minds and would lessen the risk of
sponsors playing NMEC long on important contractual issues.
It would also show appreciation for the commitment and
enthusiasm of existing sponsors and provide added motivation
for those who are newly involved. Given the number of
approaches you have received direct from sponsors over the
past few months, it also provides an opportunity to kill
several birds with one stone.

NMEC's preference would be for a date in the first half of
December. This would be good in terms of focusing the minds
of sponsors in advance of the end of the year target of £150m
sponsorship. However, the company fully appreciate the
pressures on the Prime Minister's diary and would be happy

Not really
a strong
case. Does it
get anything
in the bag?



with any date in December or January. The Secretary of State is very keen for this event to take place, but his preference would be for January. He recognises the run up to Christmas will be a busy time and the event would then follow the start of the advertising campaign.

The company would prefer a morning/midday event involving Chairmen (plus partners of companies who have committed sponsorship or confirmed that they are actively interested in doing so. The Board members of NMEC, and their partners, would also attend. This would mean a cast list of about 100 people. But again, we are very much in your hands on this, and can tailor our needs to what you are able to offer.

Ideally, a significant media announcement or promotional activity should be linked to this event. As you will see from the list of milestone events at Annex B, the main focus for the next couple of months is the "400 days to go" event on 26 November and announcements of new sponsors and national programme strands.

I am sorry that it has taken us a little time to get this outline for the event to you, but we would of course be very grateful for confirmation of a date as soon as possible; giving us longer to build the event into our forward programme.

Yours ever

Ben Coates

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Private Secretary



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From the Private Secretary

26 October 1998

Dear Peter,

MILLENNIUM DOME

The Prime Minister discussed progress in relation to the Millennium Dome with the Deputy Prime Minister and the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry and for Culture, Media and Sport on 21 October. Sir Richard Wilson and John Elvidge from Cabinet Office and James Purnell and I from No 10 were present.

Mr Mandelson said that his main interest for the meeting with NMEC which was to follow was to make sure that sufficient interest in legacy uses was being stimulated, probably mainly from the private sector, and that momentum was maintained towards the difficult decision which he anticipated would have to be taken quickly at the end of the process.

Mr Mandelson raised several concerns about progress with the Jubilee Line extension. The Deputy Prime Minister said that he remained confident that the extension would be completed on time, although there would be a gradual build up of the level of service. He had confidence in Bechtel, based on experience of working with them on the Channel Tunnel, and they had assured him the task was achievable. The replacement of the former London Underground director of the project with an outside appointee was making a difference. His track record of successful handling of difficult industrial relations issues would help ensure that the risk of being held to ransom by electricians employed on the project was managed effectively. Bechtel were preparing an assessment of the time needed to satisfy the Railway Inspectorate on the safety case. The range of forecasts was currently between April and October 1999. He and his officials were monitoring overall progress carefully and would assess the report on the timing of the safety case thoroughly when it was available. He was

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not aware of suggestions that rolling stock was failing more frequently than it should during the current tests.

Mr Mandelson suggested that positive news coverage was needed to counterbalance the flow of negative publicity, which came particularly from the Evening Standard, because of the effect on public confidence. The Deputy Prime Minister agreed and said that he hoped that the programme of milestones of progress which he had commissioned would provide opportunities for a flow of positive publicity as they were achieved.

Mr Mandelson suggested that the Dome project needed an intensive creative leadership input and, although the point was past where a creative director should have been appointed, Jenny Page should be pressed very hard to accept the need for someone in her structure to provide that input.

The discussion was then joined by Bob Ayling, Sam Chisholm, Jenny Page and Mark Fisher from NMEC. Bob Ayling said that decontamination of the site had been completed and good progress was being made towards completion of building work and with budgetary and design work for the content of the twelve zones within the Dome. In relation to financing, the Company had a publishable commitment now of £154 million, which ostensibly met the target of £150 million which they had set. However, the commitment included a large amount of value in kind, some of which they would not have been willing to pay for. Therefore, they put the real underlying value of the commitment at £106 million. They planned to be very active in raising further commitments. However, it was impossible to guarantee that there would be no funding gap; and they were developing contingency plans with English Partnerships to fill the gap. These plans rested essentially on the sale of assets. This included the Dome itself. It was a unique structure, with a range of potential future uses. It was desirable for both legacy and financial reasons to preserve it. There was no reason also why the company could not continue in a new form as the operating company for future use. They had involved Goldman Sachs in testing propositions. It was important to the directors that there was a way forward which would enable the company to continue to trade solvently.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that a report was due shortly from the joint working party on the legacy of the Dome and its site. Once it was available, he would wish consideration to be taken forward with No 10 on how to achieve the objectives. He understood NMEC's need to balance their books. He would be content to look at their suggestion, which he had not heard of

before. However, it should be absolutely clear that English Partnerships also had to balance their books, recouping the maximum possible return from their investment in the Greenwich site. Mr Mandelson agreed that the working group had done well. It was important to ensure that the ball was not dropped and lost in the Whitehall undergrowth, and that the process needed to be widened out to include interests such as the Treasury. Sir Richard Wilson suggested that a Cabinet Office chaired meeting at official level to pull together issues arising from the report would now be helpful. The Prime Minister agreed.

Bob Ayling said that transport issues were vital to the company's commercial success. They were grateful for the Deputy Prime Minister's action involving Bechtel. The Deputy Prime Minister repeated the main points of progress on transport issues on which he had previously briefed the Prime Minister and colleagues. He asked to be kept informed of discussions between the company and train operating companies. He also emphasised the urgency of conducting the company's discussions on price structures with long distance bus operators. The volume of bus travel was important in his discussions with the operators on priority routing.

The company showed a video illustrating the content of the entertainment in the main Dome space. The Prime Minister remarked at the end on the difficulty of balancing the amusement and intellectual aspects in a way which remained commercially successful. Bob Ayling said that the company was clearly focused on the need for a sufficiently popular experience to attract the target attendance of 14 million people.

I am copying this minute to Ben Coates (DTI), Tony Dyer (DCMS), Clive Maxwell (HMT), and Sebastian Wood (Cabinet Office).

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From the Private Secretary

26 October 1998

Dear Ben,

I attach a self explanatory letter from the Secretary of State for International Development and would be grateful if you could draw it to your Secretary of State's attention and then provide me with advice and a draft reply for the Prime Minister. ^(dated 21/10/98)

Yours,

Angus

ANGUS LAPSLEY

Ben Coates Esq,
The Department for Trade and Industry.

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TO:

SIR RICHARD WILSON

cc: Angus Lapsley

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DOME LEGACY

It was immensely helpful at yesterday's meeting to have your support for the idea that the responsibility for co-ordinating the process of deciding on a future use of the dome at Greenwich should move within the Cabinet Office machinery. I hope that this helps both to move the work forward swiftly and to ensure that all the various interests and public accountability issues are taken into account to produce the optimum outcome for the overall public purse.

PETER MANDELSON

23 October 1998

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THE MILLENNIUM: A PROGRESS REPORT

Millennium Experience

Dome Content

1 The content team are working on a fly-through video of the Dome interior for release around the time of the 400 days to go.

Sponsorship

2 Nothing new to report.

Legacy

3 The meeting of the Legacy Working Group on Wednesday was fairly grim. NMEC and EP continue to work well together to produce the brief for the competition. This is helped by Alan Cockshaw's involvement with both organisations. DETR, however, remain a problem, and we have therefore asked Cabinet Office to take a role in coordinating the government end so as to ensure the maximum value for the site and the Dome for the public sector as a whole.

Jubilee Line

4 The poor publicity continues to dog us. However, reports from Bechtel and LT are more encouraging.

National Programme

5 Sara Donaldson gave an excellent presentation to NMECG on the national programme



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(UK Skills, Voices of Promise, Children's Promise, Future Talk etc). NMEC are producing a useful brochure telling people how they can get involved in these programmes. We will ensure that everyone receives a copy.

Millennium Festival

6 The anecdotal evidence from the various Lottery distributors suggests that the quality of applications for Festival Funding is high. We will have a detailed analysis of bids later this month.

First Weekend

7 We had a good meeting with Chris Smith and others to discuss the various papers on the First Weekend. Tony Dyer has minuted out separately on this and we are taking forward the various points agreed. I am meeting No 10 on Monday to discuss the guest list for the Dome event and the millennium church services.

International issues

8 The Canadian Deputy Prime Minister is over next week. He is meeting Chris Smith on Friday to discuss the millennium celebrations.

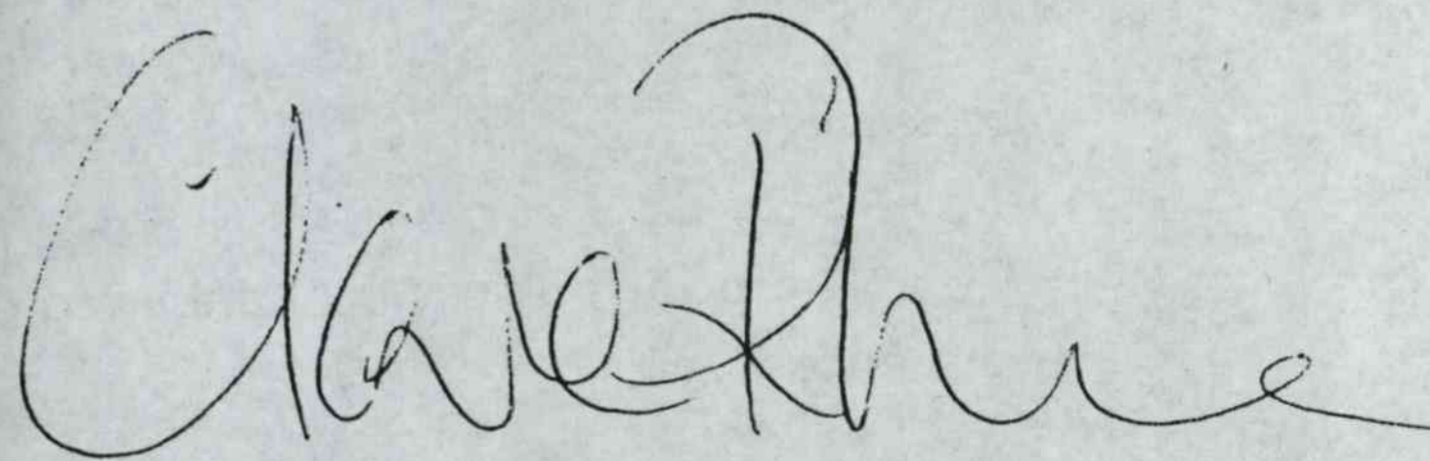
Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

9 The response to the Select Committee was published on Wednesday. The Committee met yesterday and it seems likely that they will be requesting written evidence on Dome legacy by the end of November, prior to taking oral evidence (probably after Christmas) on sponsorship and content. This should be confirmed next week.

P.Qs etc

10 The expected deluge of P.Qs has not quite materialised - only 11 this week. Lord McIntosh has an Oral P.Q on general progress on the Dome next Thursday. We will get the list of Oral Questions for 9 November next week.



CLARE PILLMAN



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PM

3 follows up items from today's Dome meeting:

- ① did you have any views on the sponsorship event - see my note below? Why not if it helps.
- ② JP went away claiming that he had not agreed to a cabinet office chaired meeting on legacy, which rather proves Peter's point that he is being difficult. Actually Richard's idea was a good one and we can stress that the meeting will be chaired neutrally. Content to stick to the idea? ✓
- ③ See attached note from Clare Short suggesting a Millennium event at the Dome for the UN. No idea if this is a funny idea or not, but I will get Peter to look at it. Content? ✓



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Overall, I thought we let NMEC off the hook a bit today. Jennie cleverly stoked the Peter-SP argument leaving no time to talk about the Dome itself.

Angus.

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The other issue is whether you should host some kind of event here for sponsors. Peter will push this. My own view, which Alastair is inclined to share, is that NMEC have not really established the case that such an event will actually get sponsors in the bag – and I have given them every opportunity. Instead, they are using it as a way of making them feel good. Are we really sure therefore that it is worth taking the flak about “cash for access”? There are of course arguments the other way – these people are putting money into a great British project etc, but it does not quite feel right. A less dangerous option would be for you to attend an event elsewhere, perhaps linked to the next big Dome announcement.

Media handling/marketing strategy

One of our perennial concerns has been the inability of NMEC to sustain a positive media campaign. They have let big events come and go without real follow up. There are signs that the message is starting to get through and the launch of the Dome's ticket marking campaign later this year should help to turn the tide. None-the-less, worth really pushing them on this.

Wider Millennium Campaign

Invite Chris to talk on this. He is very keen for you to launch the Millennium Fellowship Awards next month or in the New Year. All about giving awards to people who make outstanding contributions to their local community, it might be a good thing to do as part of boosting the Giving Age Strategy, if we can find time. Best not to give a commitment, but offer to look at it.

Alastair



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Is this something on your side?

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LATEST PROGRESS REPORT, REFERENCE TO KOCH HIGHEX WRIT

The Secretary of State was grateful for your progress report of 16 October, but has commented that the £650,000 referred to as a possible outcome of the Koch-Highex writ seems to be very high. He has asked whether this is too high.

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Attached info re Koch Hightex.

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A LOT OF MONEY. HOPE HELPFUL,

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DOME ROOF COVERING

Tendering Process

- Provision of roof covering material was subject to full and open competitive tendering procedures in line with domestic and EU requirements.
- NMEC sought separate tenders for PVC and PTFE materials. The PVC bid from Koch Hightex was the cheapest for PVC, the PTFE bid from Birdair was the cheapest for PTFE.
- When NMEC contracted with Koch Hightex a termination clause was included in the contract to allow for withdrawal in the event of different requirements following the May Election.

Decision to change material

- When NMEC decided to change to PTFE-coated glassfibre (Teflon), in the light of the Prime Minister's legacy commitments, Koch Hightex were consulted about the detail of their tender for PTFE. Their tender price for this material was higher than Birdair.
- Switch to PTFE-coated glass fibre extends, to at least 25 years, the period before which any major refit might be required. The dome's steel-works has a design life of at least 60 years. This enables the Government to consider a broader range of "legacy" options.
- Cost of PVC roof covering would have been between £6m and £7m; cost of PTFE roof covering is about £14m. Extra cost offers greatly enhanced options, in terms of number and range, of possible legacy uses.

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Koch Hightex writ

- Koch Hightex made a press statement on 2 July claiming that it issued a writ against the NMEC for breach of contract claiming £3.2m damages plus costs and interest.
- This is in addition to their writ issued on 6 November 1997 which relates to the way the second (PTFE) contract was handled under the EU procurement rules not about the termination of the original PVC contract.

Lines to take

- NMEC will vigorously defend any allegation which is made against it for breach of the original contract awarded to Koch Hightex.
- The original contract included provisions covering compensation in the event of termination. There have been ongoing discussions in relation to compensation and the Company are surprised that Koch Hightex have issued a writ before formal conclusion of those discussions.



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From: Angus Lapsley
Date: 21 October 1998

Prime Minister

cc: Jonathan Powell
Peter Hyman

MILLENNIUM UPDATE

You have an update on Dome issues tomorrow, in two parts:

1. A quick session with Peter, JP, and Chris. This was originally to discuss the problems that Peter and NMEC were having in getting DETR to co-operate on the exercise that will assess options for the future use of the Dome and Greenwich site. Tension arose from the conflict between English Partnerships (who want to realise the value of their investment into reclaiming the land by selling it) and NMEC/Peter who are keen to find a use for the Dome itself. I think the issue is largely solved now, with DETR and NMEC working together. **But, there is no harm in you making the point again to JP that, provided it does not cost more money, you are attracted to keeping the Dome in some kind of use. You therefore want these options looked at quickly and thoroughly, with departments working together.**

Peter's other concern is about progress on the JLE. As you know, JP has been gripping this, though no harm in stressing the point again.

Peter and Chris may suggest that some kind of Ministerial committee is needed to oversee this kind of issue. I would be cautious about agreeing this straight off. JP will not be that keen and, I suspect, the way to get him on side is not to try to outnumber him around a table. It may be that there is advantage in getting

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officials together (which Cabinet Office stand ready to do), but anything heavier is tricky. Apart from anything else, it would require a neutral chair (Dr Jack?) who would start to become an alternative focus to Peter on Dome issues. This is not helpful.

2. The rest of the meeting is a session with NMEC. Bob Ayling, Jennie Page, Sam Chisholm and Mark Fisher will attend. There are three main items to cover.

Content of the Dome

This is perhaps the most worrying area and the one to spend most time on. Mark Fisher will give a presentation on the central show, which by all accounts is impressive. However, Peter H is worried that the rest of the content, i.e the exhibits, remain too worthy and not enough fun. It is worth reading his note to Peter M(attached) for a flavour of his concerns. NMEC do not have that much to show you tomorrow (they should have more in December), but it is worth pushing them on this. They should resist pressure from departments to cram in too much education and remember that the Dome will go down in history as a failure if children around the country do not pester their parents to take them. Worth probing Sam Chisholm on this.

Sponsorship

As ever, we seem to be gradually getting there, but with the details very hard to pin down. To be fair to NMEC, this is in part because of the way companies are treating this, refusing to hand over the dosh before they see the exhibits etc.

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Cc: Bharucha Anita - Cab Sec's -
Subject: Dome legacy

I understand that both DCMS and DETR now favour not only a Cabinet Office chaired official committee in place of present arrangements but a Ministerial Committee as well; and that the DPM and Chris Smith will say so at tomorrow's meeting at 1.15. I still think the right approach is for us to be commissioned to arrange an ad hoc meeting to discuss the way forward and to make recommendations which the PM and Sir Richard Wilson can consider, rather than jump to the conclusion being suggested. If the PM is inclined to agree straight away, however, it would be sensible to think about chairmanship of the Ministerial Committee; another task for Jack Cunningham?

John, (Elvidge) **FAXED** 22/10

Thanks. See my note to IR on this.

Angus.
22/10

From: Clare Pillman
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21 October 1998

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cc Robin Young
Angus Lapsley (No 10)
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MILLENNIUM MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

You are meeting tomorrow with the Prime Minister and others to discuss progress on the Millennium Experience. The meeting will be in two parts: the first will involve both of you, the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister; the second will include Jennie Page, Bob Ayling, Sam Chisholm, Mark Fisher and me.

The Pre-meeting

2 The pre-meeting was originally set up to enable a discussion without NMEC of progress on the JLE. Angus Lapsley's letter to Ben Coates (Annex A) suggests that it should now be used for a discussion of legacy. I still think it is worth using this opportunity to discuss the JLE, however, and I therefore attach briefing on the JLE at Annex B, and on Legacy at Annex C. Legacy and the JLE may well surface again at the main meeting, but not, I think, in any great detail.

The main meeting

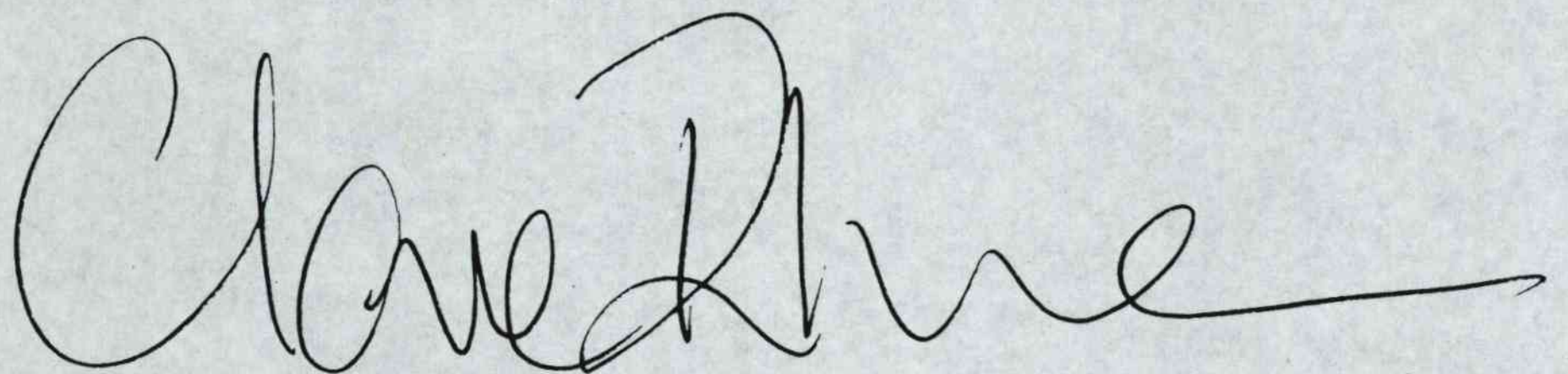
3 The main meeting will pretty much follow the agenda set out in Angus Lapsley's letter. NMEC have prepared the attached brief (Annex D) which reports progress on the project. Mark Fisher will give a short (about 10 minutes) presentation on the Central Show. For discussion of UK-wide celebrations (which Chris Smith will lead on), Annex E pulls together the various strands.

4 In terms of outputs from the meetings (in addition to the obvious ones of reporting on progress and reassuring in terms of product), it would be good to get:

- on **legacy**: the Prime Minister's endorsement of the importance of ensuring that the various parties (DETR, NMEC, EP, DCMS and Millennium Commission) work together to get the best solution for the public sector as a whole.
- on **JLE**: the Prime Minister's commitment to keep a close eye on progress.
- on **sponsorship**: the Prime Minister's agreement in principle to host an event for sponsors in December or January; and
- on **U.K-wide celebrations**: the Prime Minister's agreement to attend an event

associated with the setting up of the Millennium Fellowship (part of the Millennium Commission's Award Scheme). Tony Dyer's letter to Angus Lapsley (Annex F) refers. No 10 have been fairly resistant to this, but this is a good opportunity for Chris Smith to argue the case for an event. I think that it is important that the Prime Minister is seen to associate himself with other millennium projects than the Dome.

5 I will be happy to provide more briefing on any of these issues if required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Pillman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CLARE PILLMAN



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19 October 1998

From the Private Secretary

Dear Ben,

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: UPDATE

Your Secretary of State is attending a meeting on the Millennium Experience here on Thursday. This is essentially a chance to review progress and the Prime Minister would like to cover the following ground:

1. Content: I understand that Mark Fisher from NMEC will make a presentation. It would be helpful if you could let me know in advance whether he requires any particular equipment for this.
2. Sponsorship and budget: the Prime Minister would like to know where this now stands and what further involvement on his part is required.
3. Media handling and marketing: as you know, the Prime Minister is keen to see a forward strategy covering the main milestones and events between now and the end of next year.
4. The wider millennium programme: the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport may wish to report to the meeting on this.

I would be grateful if you could pass on this agenda to NMEC. At the moment we are expecting Bob Ayling, Jennie Page and Mark Fisher to attend from NMEC. Apart from letting me know if this cast list is likely to change, I would also be grateful if you could impress on them the need to get through the whole of this agenda in the time available - which may be no more than half an hour. Whilst the first agenda item may warrant the most time, the presentation will need to be snappy.

We have also identified time before the meeting for your Secretary of State, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Culture to discuss issues arising out of the review of legacy options - a discussion that I assume is best held without NMEC present.

I am copying this letter to Shona Dunn (DETR), Tony Dyer (DCMS), Clare Pillman (DCMS), James Purnell and Peter Hyman here and to Sebastian Wood (Cabinet Office).

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18/03,

Angus
ANGUS LAPSLEY

Ben Coates Esq,
The Department for Trade and Industry.

- Grateful to John Prescott and John Reid for gripping this project. The involvement of Bechtel in the commissioning phase is a real step forward, and has greatly increased confidence.
- However, non-operation of JLE probably single greatest threat to project's success. As recent work on contingency planning has demonstrated, it will be virtually impossible to reach the 12 million visitor figure and therefore remain within budget, if the JLE does not work (partial working from Stratford to North Greenwich is more manageable).
- Whilst involvement of Bechtel is good, Denis Tunnicliffe and David Bailey remain as project managers. Are they up to it?
- We all (shareholder, Millennium Commission, NMEC and DCMS) will continue to keep a close (some might say obsessive) interest in the project given how central it is to the success of the millennium celebrations. Current concerns include:
 - the electricians (described by Ken Jackson of the AEEU as "gangsters") - will they be able to hold us to ransom?
 - train failure - current tests seem to suggest that the rolling stock is failing more frequently than it should.
 - the capacity of the HMRI (the Railway Inspectorate) to sign-off the system quickly enough.
- Finally, the continuing negative publicity surrounding the JLE needs to be addressed. A campaign is needed to increase the public's confidence in the project (otherwise it will impact on ticket sales for the Dome regardless of actual progress).

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Speaking Notes

Key points

- Clearly the main concern is to ensure **optimum benefit to the public sector as a whole** from the disposal of the Dome and its site.
- Existing working group, and English Partnerships (EP) and NMEC in particular, have done sterling work in drawing up the **brief for the competition** and look forward to seeing the brief once it is agreed.
- **Still on target** to start the competition in early 1999. Very **grateful to the DPM** for helping to drive this forward - the greater certainty which an early decision will bring to NMEC's work is much appreciated.
- Important to establish as a matter of urgency **who will be responsible for the final decisions** on Dome legacy and then align the supporting machinery underneath that.
- Previous decisions have been taken in **Cabinet** and it seems likely that the legacy decision will need to be taken at the same level. Clearly all three of us (DPM, SoS(T&I) and SoS(CMS)) and the Treasury will need to take a collective decision on this.
- Given this and the high profile and complexity of the issue, it seems sensible to elevate the issue to the level of Cabinet Sub-Committee, **supported by the Cabinet Office secretariat** chairing a steering group which would draw on similar expertise to that currently reflected in the DETR-led working group. Understand that this proposal will come forward to Ministers shortly for agreement.

Background

In May this year, the DPM established a working group (chaired by DETR officials) to advise on the mechanism for handling the expressions of interest we had received on the future use of the Dome. Subsequently, the Prime Minister stated publicly that he thought the Dome was "too good to pull down". The working group has recommended a competitive process with formal bids being invited and assessed against a series of criteria - broadly: financial, regeneration, presentational and practical/technical. Ministers have agreed this and DETR have commissioned English Partnerships (EP) to work up detailed proposals for the competition.

This is particularly complicated because of the number of different interests and public accountability issues involved in the process:

- **DETR** are responsible for **EP** who own the land and who have been charged with

maximising the urban regeneration potential of the area, using tax-derived funds;

- **DCMS** are responsible for the **Millennium Commission** who have, in turn, awarded a Lottery grant to **NMEC** to enable them to create and operate a national exhibition in the Dome during 2000.

There are therefore *five* different Accounting Officers involved in the equation and two distinct pots of public money (tax-derived and Lottery). Each Accounting Officer has slightly different, but equally valid, responsibilities and objectives in this exercise. It is therefore particularly important that the decision making process - or the advice given by officials to the Minister making the decision - is not skewed in favour of one Accounting Officer's concerns but rather focusses on achieving the **maximum benefit to the public purse** (both lottery and tax-derived).

One way to do this is through existing Cabinet Office machinery (which exists for handling issues which cut across more than one Department's policy area). We understand that the DPM will be briefed to support this suggestion.

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The Rt Hon Peter Mandelson MP
Secretary of State
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16 October 1998

For Secretary of State,

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER : THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 1998:
1.45PM - 2.45PM

In order to meet the 4.00pm deadline for your weekend box, Jennie Page has asked me to let you have these papers - an updated Summary Progress Report (Annex A), and a table of Milestone Events and Announcements (Annex B). There are a few additions to be included in the Summary Progress Report and the completed version will be faxed to your office as soon as possible.

Bob Ayling, Sam Chisholm and Jennie are due to attend the PM's meeting. The intention is to begin with a presentation of the Central Show by Mark Fisher which we are sure will impress the Prime Minister and instil added confidence that the Experience will meet its aims to be inspirational, educational, entertaining and fun. This will require access to a television and video recorder (preferably a little before the meeting begins to sort out technicalities).

During the meeting Jennie proposes, briefly, to run through progress and issues in the key areas of sponsorship (including the Spirit zone), content, and National Programme (covering Learning Experience, Challenge, and Festival). She will also give a brief outline of the three phase marketing strategy which begins on 25 December this year with our first TV advertisements.

There are two particular issues to be addressed:

(a) Event for sponsors involving the PM.

Purpose: Ideally a significant media announcement or promotional activity should be linked to this event. However, for the company, its importance would primarily be business related and, if the Prime Minister agrees, that is the basis on which we would like to pursue it. In any event, as you will see from the Milestone events at Annex B, apart from possible sponsor announcements, yet to be confirmed, National Programme announcements which are tied to the sponsorships, and the 400 day event on 26 November, there is little in the way of high level milestone activity in the next couple of months which is confirmed.

It is one year since the company began its sponsorship drive. Whilst we have done extremely well to achieve over £100m of committed support, we need a final push to clinch deals and get contracts finalised. Getting sponsorship cash income in the next couple of months is crucial to our budgets; a Prime Ministerial event could minimise the risk of sponsors playing us long on important contractual issues and provide positive Government messages which enhance the enthusiasm of those who have been on board for a while, and provide added motivation for those who are newly involved.

Timing: We would propose early-mid December to have a timely impact on our sponsors and sponsorship strategy - although we fully appreciate the pressures on the Prime Minister's diary and that we may need to look to January.

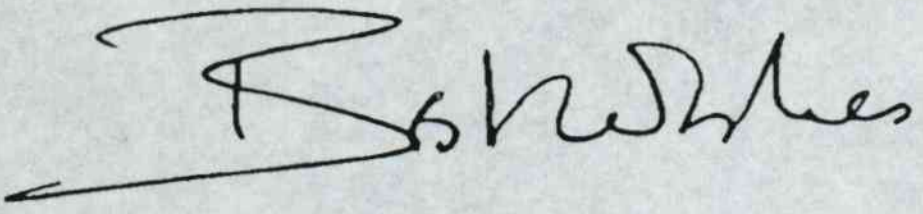
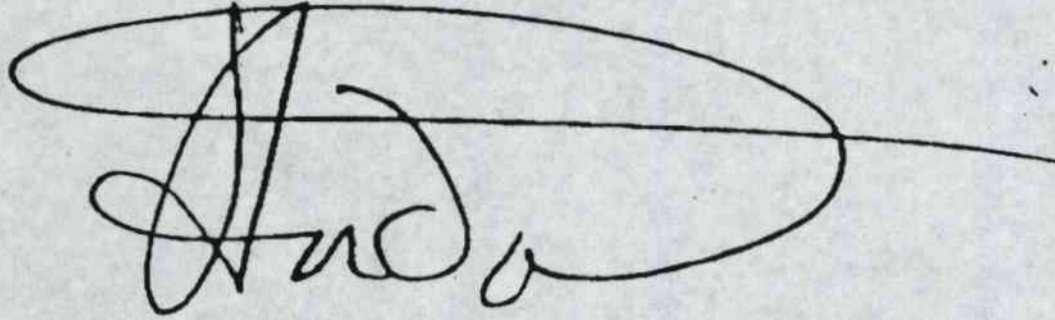
Type of event & invitees: We suggest a late morning-midday event involving the Chairman (and partners) of sponsors who are committed, or confirmed, or of positively interested - plus the company's Board members and their partners. —

(b) Legacy

The strategy agreed by the Deputy Prime Minister aims to begin the marketing/competition exercise for disposal of the Dome, land, and potentially the company early next year. We are working with DETR and English Partnerships to deliver that strategy. However, we have been concerned about potential conflicts of interests arising from the different duties and responsibilities of the parties and individuals involved. These may impair the high level objective of achieving maximum benefit for the public purse and impair the company's objective of achieving, if at all possible, income before and during the year 2000. Ensuring that both objectives are met might require, some kind of independent third party mechanism for handling the disposal and elevating the issue to Cabinet in line with the process adopted for consideration of EP's acquisition of the site in 1996.

It might be helpful for the Prime Minister to be aware of the key issues but to be reassured that we will continue to work constructively with DETR and EP to find

effective means of meeting the various concerns – and, hence of meeting the Government's "legacy" objective.

JAN ANDERSON
Chief Executive's Office

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ANNEX A

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT : OCTOBER 1998

Key programmes

Construction

Site and Structures work continues to be on time and on budget. Since the September progress report the internal road, and the perimeter structure and cladding have been completed ; work on the central show area has progressed well and the lifts are being fitted to the core buildings. Heavy installation procurements and works for the exhibit zones is going to plan.

Development work on the design of Baby Dome continues to ensure maximum flexibility of use, integrity with the main Dome, and optimise sponsorship opportunities. (Discussions are underway with BskyB).

Content

The Production team (responsible for content and events) moved to the Greenwich site on 12 October.

Within the rolling programme of finalising structural specifications, the Mind, Body, Play, National and Global zones have been signed-off. The remaining zone sign-offs are due for completion by end December. Content specifications will continue to be developed through to February 1999.

[Additional material on zones & Central Show to follow]

Operations

The Operations team moved to the Greenwich site on 12 October.

Development of all aspects of Operations (including ticketing, visitor capacity/flows/management, Dome staffing, catering) continues to the programme timetable. Since the September progress report, the procurement process for Catering Services has begun ; tenders from possible Callcentre suppliers are being evaluated ; and the possibilities of enhancing the use of the Lottery computer for ticket sales (including Trade and Groups) are under consideration.

National Programme

The **Learning Experience** was launched on 5 October at the Dome – including the formal launch of M&S Voices of Promises (a schools music project), and the curriculum pack (Making a Difference in Education) written by Greenwich teachers for circulation to all schools in the UK. Tesco set up its Schoolnet 2000 project on the internet and pupils from Hackney School demonstrated it. Members of the company's Junior Board attended the event and dealt very well and positively with the media. A series of regional launches will take place in the coming months.

UK Challenge programmes are due for launch later in the year (subject to sponsorship in some cases). Under the Challenge umbrella the M&S sponsored Children's Promise, BT Future Talk and Manpower's UK Skills are in the public domain; others in development include a Green Challenge to link with the Living Island zone; a proposal which forms part of Ford's sponsorship of the Transport zone and which would involve people taking part in designing a car for the 21st century.

The **Millennium Festival Fund's** large grant phase has generated about 3,500 applications nationwide to the Lottery Distributor partners. About £60m of the £100m Fund will be used for this phase. Announcements of grant awards are scheduled for February 1999. Small grant phase will be launched in December with applications available from April 1999 and decisions announced in September 1999. About £50-£60m will be available for small grants including a further £25m from the NLCB.

Sponsorship

A summary of the current position is attached..

Finalising details of the contracts with sponsors already announced – with M&S part **National Identity**) closest to completion closely followed by Ford (**Transport**) – continues to be a priority, as does progressing matching funding against the Corporation of London (**Transaction**) and Boots (**Body**) – both requiring £6m. For the latter the company is continuing to concentrate on Boots' suppliers following success with L'Oreal who have committed £1m, and Roche who are considering up to £2m. To match the Corporation of London's £6m discussions continue with the Financial Services where Barclays looks the most positive at this stage – with a Board presentation at the Dome in the near future.

Discussions with PowerGen (**Living Island**) are well advanced (involving £6m cash and the remaining £6m subject to free power supply possibilities) with decisions expected by the end of November.

Spirit Zone attracted considerable publicity again this month with the "news" that the Hinduja brothers had "come to its rescue". In truth, the Hinduja's are proposing to underwrite the costs of the zone (not provide all the necessary cash), and positive discussions are ongoing with a number of Foundations and Trusts. The company is confident that an acceptable mix of sponsorship support can be put together and that the continuing support of the Lambeth Group can be maintained.

Final decisions from McDonalds are expected by the end of October.

On a lighter note the Chairman and several Board members of DeBeers have visited the Dome and have proposed lending a recently mined diamond which is the fourth largest in the world and which could form the centrepiece of a walkby attraction. We are considering this on the basis of a £2m cost of entry sponsorship excluding security and insurance costs which would be for DeBeers to bear.

Travel Trade

Discussions now underway with key operators on a one to one basis. Strategy of beginning with a price range (rather than specific set price) to enable flexibility in negotiating rates and packages has worked well.

Trade are very enthusiastic and positive about the project and about its prospects for attracting visitors to the Dome.

Marketing, Advertising

The marketing strategy is now agreed and has three phases beginning 25 December 1998:

Phase 1, 25 December – 10 January : Aims to raise awareness of the magnitude and significance of the millennium; to promote uplifting, inspiring,, uniting & improving values; to fuel the nation's expectations; and to establish the millennial agenda. It does not carry any Dome images or messages, but concentrates wholly on the millennium. Mediums = national TV slots; posters and promotions

Phase II , late January - mid July: Aims to promote the Millennium Experience's National Programme – not the Dome – and to showcase sponsor activities taking the focus nationwide. Mediums will be innovative in partnership with sponsors.

Phase III September – December: Aims to sell the Dome.

Promotion (Media)

Plans for a press and broadcast event to mark 400 days (26 November) are underway

Discussions with media partners (especially News International and the Express) continue – one aim is to sign up each of the major titles in support of a National Programme Challenge project or Dome theme in the next month or so

In the regions partnerships have been established with Northcliffe newspapers, Trinity and Newsquest; a Northwest Newspaper forum has been established

The Express has submitted a proposal for a daily paper at the Dome.

Transport: Greenwich council agreed revised park & ride strategy in principle on 8 October. Full approval subject to receipt of implementation report early in the New Year.

Company issues

New Finance Director (Neil Spence) joined on 13 October 1998 (and was appointed to the Board by the Shareholder) following current Finance Director's decision (for family and career reasons) to return to business interests in the East Midlands next March.

REPORT OF TOTAL NMEG SPONSORSHIP		16 Oct 1998
		£m
Already Announced/Public Domain		
BT		13.9
Manpower		12.0
Tesco		12.0
BskyB		12.0
BA (includes £6m later ViK under discussion)		6.0
BAA		4.8
<i>Subtotal as at 24 February</i>		66.7
Marks & Spencer		12.0
Corporation of London		6.0
GEC		6.0
Bae		6.0
Camelot		7.0
Lucent Technologies		1.0
Thames Water		1.5
<i>Subtotal as at 23 July</i>		100.2
Shortly to Announce		
Ford		16.5
Boots & Suppliers (inc Fuji or Kodak)		12.0
Rank		2.5
In Detailed Negotiation		
McDonald's		12.0
Powergen		12.0
Amex or Visa		2.0
Premier Brands or Nestle		2.0
Pepsi/Coke		2.0
Woolwich		1.0
Subtotal Gross Sponsorship to Date		162.2
<i>Adjustment for Fees payable and Budget enhancement amounts</i>		(62.6)
Remaining Inventory (net values of budget substitution)		
Zones		25.0
Activities		15.0
Events		5.0
Official Suppliers (balance)		4.0
National Festival		10.0
National Challenge adjustment for 'oversold projects'		(1.5)
New Inventory		10.0
Licensing		5.0
<i>Adjustment for Fees payable on remaining inventory</i>		(1.7)
GRAND TOTAL NET SPONSORSHIP		170.4
BUDGET TARGET (before Contingency)		170.0

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October 1998 – 1 January 2000

Note: Throughout the following period a range of National Programme, possibly site and content announcements and events will be made/held. In many cases the timing and nature will depend on the outcomes of sponsorship negotiations. As these become clearer they will be added to the table below.

DATE	EVENT or announcement	COMMENT
End October	Possible sponsor announcements	May involve Ford and/or McDonalds but subject to their corporate decisions; not in full gift of NMEC
26 November 1998	400 days to go : media event Planned centrepiece is Dome fly-through video revealing further content; possible sponsor announcements	Central London venue (possibly riverside) Media/sponsor/VIP event
November	Ticketing system & callcentre contract announced	Major contract award which may generate media interest
End November	Catering Contract announced	Will generate significant industry & media interest
25 December to 10 January	First TV adverts supported by posters, and precinct screenings	First phase of marketing; concentrating on significance of millennium; not the Dome or the project
January	Ticket allocations made to the travel trade	Trade press interest
End January	VIP visit suite and full reception facilities open on site	Not a bookable facility but a showcase mechanism for the company using display & videos
January	Legacy: Marketing due to begin inviting expressions of interest/bids to buy the Dome and the land	Subject to Ministerial/possibly Cabinet approval of process and timing

February	Millennium Festival large grant award announcements	Co-ordinated media events with Lottery Distributor partners
February to mid July	National Programme promotion and sponsor activity showcasing	Second phase of marketing to achieve broader nationwide Millennium focus; innovative media activity in partnership with sponsors
6 March	300 days to go.	Event in development
Spring	First phase of JLE opening	Not in NMEC's gift
April	Millennium Festival small grant phase begins	
14 June	200 days to go	Event in development
July	New millennium pier completed	
August	Meridian Point complete	Feature on meridian line
Late August-September	Selling the Dome	Third phase of marketing strategy
September	Tickets go on public sale	
22 September	100 days to go	Event in development
September/October	Rehearsals	
27/28 December	Previews	
31 December	Opening night	

UK-WIDE CELEBRATIONS

- Important that people throughout the UK feel a sense of ownership of the celebrations.
- **Millennium Commission's projects** help to achieve this.
 - ▶ To date the Millennium Commission has awarded grant totalling **£1.26 billion** to **189 capital projects** at **3,039 sites** across the United Kingdom.
 - ▶ Millennium **Awards** scheme has identified **39 Partners** which will receive **£44 million** in total enabling **16,500 individuals** to achieve a personal goal whilst bringing a benefit to their communities.
 - ▶ **Millennium Voyager** - the travelling roadshow - will start its year-long tour of the UK next month. Plans to cover all countries and regions and will increase local and regional publicity for Millennium Commission work.
- Welcome also emphasis on **NMEC's national programme** helps to capture public imagination and provide a link to the Dome for people who cannot make the journey to Greenwich.
 - ▶ **Learning Experience** launched earlier this month = key to involving young people and people involved in the education sector generally. Projects like Tesco's SchoolNet 2000 and M&S Voices of Promise already proving very popular with schools.
 - ▶ **UK Challenge** programmes due for launch later in the year - people already aware of M&S Children's Promise (NMEC have had an enormous response to this even before they have begun to market the initiative) and the Manpower UK Skills Olympics
- **Festival** also doing well.
 - ▶ First phase - for projects >£5000 - now closed. Around 3,500 applications generated UK-wide - decisions early 1999.
 - ▶ Small grant phase will be launched in December, with announcements in September 1999.



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From the Private Secretary

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25 September 1998

Dear Angus

LAUNCH OF THE MILLENNIUM AWARDS FELLOWSHIP

We have corresponded before about the possible involvement of the Prime Minister in the launch of the Millennium Commission's Awards Fellowship. The Prime Minister's involvement would boost the Awards scheme enormously. The Commission would be happy to fit the launch, both in terms of timing and venue, to the Prime Minister's diary.

The attached fact sheet provides some background to the Millennium Awards scheme. It was the first example of Lottery grants to individuals and is aimed at self-improvement and strengthening communities. It is administered by not-for-profit organisations such as Age Concern, The Prince's Trust, Mind, The Scarman Trust and the Tyne and Wear Foundation on behalf of the Commission. There are many resonances between this scheme and the Giving Age proposals.

On completion of their work each Award winner will become a Millennium Awards Fellow, an accolade and recognition which will be an integral part of the Award. The Commission's hopes that the Fellowship will ultimately achieve the same recognition and respect as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award enjoys. The Fellowship will have a continuing role in providing a platform for talented individuals who can make an important contribution to society well into the next millennium. It is this Fellowship which we are hoping the Prime Minister will agree to launch.

The Awards have yet to achieve public recognition, a point made by a recent Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee report. The launch of the Fellowship is a unique opportunity and the Prime Minister's involvement would make a huge difference. At the same time my Secretary of State, as Chair of the Commission, would write to all MPs to let them know about individual Award winners in their constituencies. So far, nearly 3,000 people are involved in the scheme. A poster campaign featuring Award winners will be launched in early December. If the Prime Minister's diary permitted, it might be possible to link the launch of the Fellowship with the launch of the poster campaign.

> I am copying this letter to Ben Coates in Peter Mandelson's office, to Geoff Mulgan, given his Giving Age interests, to Peter Hyman at No 10 and to Clare Pillman.

Yon
Tony

TONY DYER
Principal Private Secretary

MILLENNIUM AWARDS

- * One strand of the Millennium Commission's funding goes towards the Millennium Awards scheme.
- * Millennium Awards are small Lottery grants, of at least £2,000, to enable individual people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to put their own bright ideas into action, fulfilling a personal goal and in doing so enriching their communities in the new Millennium.
- * Awards are made to individuals through grant making organisations who run the Award schemes in partnership with the Millennium Commission. Awards Partners contribute partnership funding of a minimum of 10% towards the cost of the scheme.
- * The Commission is challenging organisations with a proven track record in grant administration to develop innovative ideas which offer new and exciting opportunities for people to develop their potential as individuals and members of the community.
- * The current headline theme is "**You & your community**". New themes will be announced approximately every three years.
- * £200 million is being made available to Millennium Award schemes.
- * To date, 39 schemes have been supported, covering 16,500 people across the UK.
- * By the year 2,004 more than 40,000 people will have participated in one of more than 100 Award schemes.
- * So far our youngest award winner has been 15 years old , our oldest 92.
- * Individual Award recipients will be recognised through the formation of the Millennium Fellowship, which aims to ensure the continuing development of skills acquired and bonds formed during participation in the Awards schemes.
- * £20 million was available for the third Millennium Award scheme application round which closed on 5 March 1998.
- * Current Awards Partners include:

Save the Children Fund 'Saying Power'

Award total £1.2m

72 Awards of around £15,000 to people aged 16-20 in 12 UK cities. Award winners will undertake projects which seek to encourage young people to get involved in

decision making and improving services which affect them and other young people. They will gain appropriate training and build networks with other Award winners and SCF young participation projects and mentors will also be available to offer support.

Community Service Volunteers

Award total £1,583,960

300 Awards to young people aged 14-25 years for projects which forge new partnerships between schools, colleges and universities and their local community.

CAFOD

Award total £246,410

48 Awards to teachers, youth leaders and parish activists throughout England and Wales. Award winners will be given an opportunity to experience first hand development work in Third World countries and to share their experiences with their home communities.

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From: Angus Lapsley
Date: 20 October 1998

cc: Sebastian Wood
James Purnell
Peter Hyman

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John Elvidge

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE

Your note of today refers. There is no problem in you attending the meeting. I agree that if there is a substantive discussion on legacy issues, this would be helpful.

That said, you are right to be cautious about the DCMS and NMEC claims. I have made it clear to Peter Mandelson's office that the Prime Minister will only want to get into this subject if he (Peter) is advising him that there is a real political problem. Official level friction between NMEC and English Partnerships is not really an issue for the Prime Minister. My reading of Peter at the moment is that whilst he suspects DETR of being reluctant partners with NMEC in conducting the review, he does not have a substantial gripe to raise. I understand that he will minute the Prime Minister before Thursday along these lines.

In these circumstances, I would hope that we can dispense with the political part of the meeting pretty quickly and move on to the discussion with NMEC on the Dome's content, media planning, sponsorship etc. Jennie Page was keen for this to be the focus when I spoke to her earlier today - which suggests that she is not over-fussed about the legacy issue.

Angus

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FROM: JOHN ELVIDGE
DATE: 20 OCTOBER 1998

~~ANGUS LAPSLEY~~ (P)

c **James Purnell**
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MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE : UPDATE

DCMS and NMEC have pressed Sir Richard Wilson for Cabinet Office to take over the chair of the working group on legacy issues. They argue that DETR are seeking to ride roughshod over other interests. He has said to Jenny Page that we will hold an ad hoc inter-Departmental meeting to explore the points and consider whether the present arrangements are failing. We have taken this cautious approach because we do not have enough information to judge whether DCMS and NMEC have a sound basis for their claims.

I see from your letter of 19 October to Ben Coates that you propose a discussion of issues arising out of the review of legacy options between the Prime Minister and John Prescott, Peter Mandelson and Chris Smith, on Thursday before the meeting on the Millennium Experience. It would help me in chairing the ad hoc meeting which Richard has asked me to set up if I were present at the discussion; if that is not possible, I would welcome an early read out.



JOHN ELVIDGE

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From the Private Secretary

19 October 1998

Dear Ben,

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: UPDATE

Your Secretary of State is attending a meeting on the Millennium Experience here on Thursday. This is essentially a chance to review progress and the Prime Minister would like to cover the following ground:

1. Content: I understand that Mark Fisher from NMEC will make a presentation. It would be helpful if you could let me know in advance whether he requires any particular equipment for this.
2. Sponsorship and budget: the Prime Minister would like to know where this now stands and what further involvement on his part is required.
3. Media handling and marketing: as you know, the Prime Minister is keen to see a forward strategy covering the main milestones and events between now and the end of next year.
4. The wider millennium programme: the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport may wish to report to the meeting on this.

I would be grateful if you could pass on this agenda to NMEC. At the moment we are expecting Bob Ayling, Jennie Page and Mark Fisher to attend from NMEC. Apart from letting me know if this cast list is likely to change, I would also be grateful if you could impress on them the need to get through the whole of this agenda in the time available – which may be no more than half an hour. Whilst the first agenda item may warrant the most time, the presentation will need to be snappy.

We have also identified time before the meeting for your Secretary of State, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Culture to discuss issues arising out of the review of legacy options – a discussion that I assume is best held without NMEC present.

I am copying this letter to Shona Dunn (DETR), Tony Dyer (DCMS), Clare Pillman (DCMS), James Purnell and Peter Hyman here and to Sebastian Wood (Cabinet Office).

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lows,

Angus

ANGUS LAPSLEY

Ben Coates Esq,
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From: Clare Pillman
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16 October 1998

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cc Lord McIntosh
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THE MILLENNIUM: A PROGRESS REPORT**Millennium Commission**

The Millennium Commission's meeting this week was cancelled. However the Finance Committee met and agreed a reduction in the grant to Portsmouth Harbour of £2m following changes to the scheme by the applicant.

Millennium Experience*Dome Construction*

2 Progress has been made on the Koch-Highex writ. The company is about to make a Calderbank offer (without prejudice) of £100,000 + legal costs. The expectation is that this will have to be increased, with agreement internally of a £650,000 limit.

Dome Content

3 The content team are happily settled in Greenwich. The Litmus Group meeting went well. More zones have been signed-off so that infrastructure construction can begin.

Sponsorship

4 Sky have moved from sponsoring the Serious Play zone to Baby Dome. The Company remain in negotiation with a number of potential sponsors (including the Hinduja's) about sponsorship of the Spirit Zone. We are putting together a paper for No 10 setting out the scope, purpose and optimum timing of a sponsorship event involving the Prime Minister. This will be submitted to SoS(T&I) this weekend so that it can then be put to No 10 in advance of the meeting with the PM on 22 October.

SKP 19/10/98

RESTRICTED - POLICY*Legacy*

5 The next meeting of the Legacy Working Group is on Wednesday (21 October). We will agree with DETR and NMEC how to take this forward in advance of the meeting with the PM but are hoping to invoke Cabinet Office machinery to ensure that all the various interests are taken properly into account.

Jubilee Line

6 Glenda Jackson's meeting on Millennium Access was reasonably encouraging. Lord Levene described progress on the JLE (improved) and we started to discuss contingency planning in the event of any one mode of transport failing. London Transport have been asked to do more work on this.

National Programme

7 Nothing new to report.

Millennium Festival

8 Nothing new to report.

First Weekend

9 You have a large package of material on this.

International issues

10 The Canadian Deputy Prime Minister (who is responsible for Canada's Millennium celebrations) is in the UK this week. He will be visiting the Dome, the Commission and the SoS(CMS).

Parliamentary business*The Select Committee*

11 The response to the Select Committee will be sent in confidence to the members of the committee on Monday so that they have it 48 hours in advance of its publication on Wednesday. A draft letter to Kaufman will be with SoS(CMS) this weekend. The Committee meet on Thursday to consider their programme for the next session. We are likely to know what evidence they require from us by when, and when any hearings might be shortly thereafter.

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P.Qs etc

12 We await the inevitable deluge of P.Qs! Those for the Lords have already begun...

F. D. Pillman

PP CLARE PILLMAN

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From: Peter Hyman
Date: 16 October 1998

Peter Mandelson

cc: **Angus Lapsley**
James Purnell

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE

I spent a day at NMEC last week looking at design content, the proposed Saatchi ad for the turn of the year, and having a chat with Jennie. I did not discuss transport, legacy etc. Here are a few thoughts.

1. Good progress

I got the impression that things are coming together.

- The design content seemed to be improving all the time.
- Jennie was in very good form and confident about sponsorship (as long as she could secure final signatures before any downturn)
- Sholto Douglas Home, seconded from BT, seems a good addition as communications director.
- There was confidence that the problems with the tube extension would be resolved.

2. Content

2.1 Getting better

The content has improved since I last saw it several months ago.

- Without doubt some of the zones will be beautiful pieces of architecture and will be stunning to look at.
- Everyone is raving about the central show by Mark Fisher (which I hope to see soon)

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- Individual zones are beginning to combine good ideas and interesting methods of delivering them.

2.2 Possible weaknesses

But there are obvious weaknesses in the overall impact of the content.

- a) **There is not enough fun.** The messages appear too clunky in some of the zones: "Pollution is bad", "no such thing as a job for life". Other zones seem to have a complicated logic to them which requires a visitor to be concentrating hard throughout rather than able to dip in. I could not honestly say that there was a single thing that sounded to me like the sort of "word of mouth -wow" that we are looking for. It is early days and Jennie is planning a "fun audit", but this should be the major focus of attention for the creative people. (The 20 minute central show cannot carry all the weight of a 5-6 hour visit.) I think they require a steer from government that they will not be criticised by us for "dumbing down" if they produce an experience of real excitement.
- b) **Visuals and flash technology taking over.** There seems to be an over reliance on computer, tele-visual technology in each zone. Many of the zones appeal to only one of the senses: sight. The result is something that might be too clinical. I think other senses and emotions should be explored: fear, excitement, touch, smell, hearing, nostalgia, surprise, disorientation etc. We need story tellers, theatre people, etc and not just designers to be heavily involved in each zone.

- c) **The zones are not rooted enough in history, culture or personality.** There has been an on-going debate about the role of history in the dome. At the moment baby dome may have historical content. But the current zones seem to me to be almost today devoid of the drama of history, culture, personality – even if used to throw forward to the future. The result is at times abstraction and blandness. Within the existing structures I am sure this can be rectified. Where is the bit on war, good versus evil, heroes and villains? Where is the internationalism, the great works of culture.
- d) **The zone titles and themes are stifling some of the creativity.** “Work, rest and play, national, local, global, mind body soul” etc may have been good starting points for the zones. But taken literally they are proving frustrating for some of the creative people involved. Given that the zones will all have different eye catching names for the opening anyway there should be more flexibility now in their contents.

2.3 Possible solutions

These concerns can all be remedied in time. But it might require more firepower on the creative side. NMEC is right to say that it is too late to bring in a new creative person with a completely fresh set of ideas. We have moved on. That stage has gone.

What is needed is someone who sits at the top table with Jennie and who can play day to day 2 vital roles.

First, someone who can stand up for the contents budget.

Someone who can make judgements on the following:

- How much should be spent on central show versus the outer zones (why is there currently more money for central show than all the zones put together?)
- How to persuade sponsors to back creative ideas that are not pure advertising.
- Whether it is better to spend more money on getting zones right now before too many corners are cut or better to hold back until later when there are bound to be calls on more money.
- Creative imperatives versus the needs of visitor flow, toilets, burger joints.

Second, someone who can look at the zones in combination and have the authority to modify the content to provide a more varied and exciting impact.

At this stage I think it is best to use someone who has been involved in the dome already. The obvious person would be Michael Grade. He would be ideal if he could spend a large amount of time on it for the first few months of 1999.

3. Advertising

The Saatchi ad seemed to have the right uplifting qualities. It is undoubtedly odd to film it on Easter Island and not in Britain given our argument that Britain will be the centre of Millennium celebrations. But they are convinced and it should work.

4. Big message -time to make a difference

Time to make a difference has never been adequate as a media strap-line for a paid visitor attraction like the dome. I think some work needs doing on top lines and new language for the dome and the zones that have a resonance with the public and combine the elements of "best of British", "Time", "shaping the

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future", and "Bringing people together". This is important for the advertising and for shaping the contents of each zone.

On the overall positioning I was worried to read a piece in the Times about the tourism industry thinking that the Dome's prices were too high for an "intellectual" attraction that could not be compared to Disney and Alton Towers. We need to decide how "intellectual" our pitch is and whether we can stand up our previous bold claim that the dome will be "the greatest day out on earth".

I am meeting with Ben and Martin this week to talk about content.

I am happy to work on messages with Philip and others.

Let's talk.

Pete

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ANNEX A

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY PROGRESS REPORT : OCTOBER 1998

Key programmes

Construction

Site and Structures work continues to be on time and on budget. Since the September progress report the internal road, and the perimeter structure and cladding have been completed ; work on the central show area has progressed well and the lifts are being fitted to the core buildings. Heavy installation procurements and works for the exhibit zones is going to plan.

Development work on the design of Baby Dome continues to ensure maximum flexibility of use, integrity with the main Dome, and optimise sponsorship opportunities. (Discussions are underway with BskyB).

Content

The Production team (responsible for content and events) moved to the Greenwich site on 12 October.

Within the rolling programme of finalising structural specifications, the Mind, Body, Play, National and Global zones have been signed-off. The remaining zone sign-offs are due for completion by end December. Content specifications will continue to be developed through to February 1999.¹

Following the launch, on 24 February, of six of the exhibit zones, it is intended to launch the remaining zones (but not necessarily in model form) on 26 November – the 400 day mark.

Central Show: The Board have agreed the storyline and the design. The procurement process for the set and theatrical infrastructure is underway. The first intake of young performers have begun their training at Circus Space and arrangements for the second tranche of auditions and training are to time.

Operations

The Operations team moved to the Greenwich site on 12 October.

Development of all aspects of Operations (including ticketing, visitor capacity/flows/management, Dome staffing, catering) continues to the programme timetable. Since the September progress report, the procurement process for Catering Services has begun ; tenders from possible Callcentre suppliers are being evaluated ; and the possibilities of enhancing the use of the Lottery computer for ticket sales (including Trade and Groups) are under consideration.

National Programme

The Learning Experience was launched on 5 October at the Dome – including the formal launch of M&S Voices of Promises (a schools music project), and the curriculum pack (Making a Difference in Education) written by Greenwich teachers for circulation to all schools in the UK. Tesco set up its Schoolnet 2000 project on the internet and pupils from Hackney School demonstrated it. Members of the company's Junior Board attended the event and dealt very well and positively with the media. A series of regional launches will take place in the coming months.

UK Challenge programmes are due for launch later in the year (subject to sponsorship in some cases). Under the Challenge umbrella the M&S sponsored Children's Promise, BT Future Talk and Manpower's UK Skills are in the public domain; others in development include a Green Challenge to link with the Living Island zone; a proposal which forms part of Ford's sponsorship of the Transport zone and which would involve people taking part in designing a car for the 21st century.

The **Millennium Festival Fund's** large grant phase has generated about 3,500 applications nationwide to the Lottery Distributor partners. About £60m of the £100m Fund will be used for this phase. Announcements of grant awards are scheduled for February 1999. Small grant phase will be launched in December with applications available from April 1999 and decisions announced in September 1999. About £50-£60m will be available for small grants including a further £25m from the NLCB.

Sponsorship

A summary of the current position is attached..

Finalising details of the contracts with sponsors already announced – with M&S part **National Identity**) closest to completion closely followed by Ford (**Transport**) – continues to be a priority, as does progressing matching funding against the Corporation of London (**Transaction**) and Boots (**Body**) – both requiring £6m. For the latter the company is continuing to concentrate on Boots' suppliers following success with L'Oreal who have committed £1m, and Roche who are considering up to £2m. To match the Corporation of London's £6m discussions continue with the Financial Services where

Barclays looks the most positive at this stage – with a Board presentation at the Dome in the near future. .

Discussions with PowerGen (**Living Island**) are well advanced (involving £6m cash and the remaining £6m subject to free power supply possibilities) with decisions expected by the end of November.

Spirit Zone attracted considerable publicity again this month with the “news” that the Hinduja brothers had “come to its rescue”. In truth, the Hinduja brothers are proposing to underwrite the costs of the zone (not provide all the necessary cash), and positive discussions are ongoing with a number of Foundations and Trusts. The company is confident that an acceptable mix of sponsorship support can be put together and that the continuing support of the Lambeth Group can be maintained .

Final decisions from McDonalds are expected by the end of October.

On a lighter note the Chairman and several Board members of DeBeers have visited the Dome and have proposed lending a recently mined diamond which is the fourth largest in the world and which could form the centrepiece of a walkby attraction. We are considering this on the basis of a £2m cost of entry sponsorship excluding security and insurance costs which would be for DeBeers to bear.

Travel Trade

Discussions now underway with key operators on a one to one basis. Strategy of beginning with a price range (rather than specific set price) to enable flexibility in negotiating rates and packages has worked well.

Trade are very enthusiastic and positive about the project and about its prospects for attracting visitors to the Dome.

Marketing, Advertising

The marketing strategy is now agreed and has three phases beginning 25 December 1998:

Phase 1, 25 December – 10 January : Aims to raise awareness of the magnitude and significance of the millennium; to promote uplifting, inspiring,, uniting & improving values; to fuel the nation's expectations; and to establish the millennial agenda. It does not carry any Dome images or messages, but concentrates wholly on the millennium. Mediums = national TV slots; posters and promotions

Phase II , late January - mid July: Aims to promote the Millennium Experience's National Programme – not the Dome – and to showcase sponsor activities taking the focus nationwide. Mediums will be innovative in partnership with sponsors.

Phase III September – December: Aims to sell the Dome.

Promotion (Media)

Plans for a press and broadcast event to mark 400 days (26 November) are underway

Discussions with media partners (especially News International and the Express) continue – one aim is to sign up each of the major titles in support of a National Programme Challenge project or Dome theme in the next month or so

In the regions' partnerships have been established with Northcliffe newspapers, Trinity and Newsquest; a Northwest Newspaper forum has been established

The Express has submitted a proposal for a daily paper at the Dome.

Transport: Greenwich council agreed revised park & ride strategy in principle on 8 October. Full approval subject to receipt of implementation report early in the New Year.

Company issues

New Finance Director (Neil Spence) joined on 13 October 1998 (and was appointed to the Board by the Shareholder) following current Finance Director's decision (for family and career reasons) to return to business interests in the East Midlands next March.

REPORT OF TOTAL NMEC SPONSORSHIP		16 Oct 1998
		£m
Already Announced/Public Domain		
BT		
Manpower		13.9
Tesco		12.0
BskyB		12.0
BA (excludes £6m later ViK under discussion)		12.0
BAA		6.0
<i>Subtotal as at 24 February</i>		4.8
		60.7
Marks & Spencer		12.0
Corporation of London		6.0
GEC		6.0
Bae		6.0
Camelot		6.0
Lucent Technologies		7.0
Thames Water		1.0
<i>Subtotal as at 23 July</i>		1.5
		100.2
Shortly to Announce		
Ford		
Boots & Suppliers (inc Fuji or Kodak)		16.5
Rank		12.0
		2.5
In Detailed Negotiation		
McDonald's		
Powergen		12.0
Amex or Visa		12.0
Premier Brands or Nestle		2.0
Pepsi/Coke		2.0
Woolwich		2.0
		1.0
Subtotal Gross Sponsorship to Date		162.2
<i>Adjustment for Fees payable and Budget enhancement amounts</i>		<i>(62.6)</i>
Remaining Inventory (net values of budget substitution)		
Zones		
Activities		25.0
Events		15.0
Official Suppliers (balance)		5.0
National Festival		4.0
National Challenge adjustment for 'oversold projects'		10.0
New Inventory		(1.5)
Licensing		10.0
		5.0
<i>Adjustment for Fees payable on remaining inventory</i>		<i>(1.7)</i>
GRAND TOTAL NET SPONSORSHIP		170.4
BUDGET TARGET (before Contingency)		170.0

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October 1998 - 1 January 2000

Note: Throughout the following period a range of National Programme, possibly site and content announcements and events will be made/held. In many cases the timing and nature will depend on the outcomes of sponsorship negotiations. As these become clearer they will be added to the table below.

DATE	EVENT or announcement	COMMENT
End October	Possible sponsor announcements	May involve Ford and/or McDonalds but subject to their corporate decisions; not in full gift of NMEC
26 November 1998	400 days to go : media event Planned centrepiece is Dome fly-through video revealing further content; possible sponsor announcements	Central London venue (possibly riverside) Media/sponsor/VIP event
November	Ticketing system & callcentre contract announced	Major contract award which may generate media interest
End November	Catering Contract announced	Will generate significant industry & media interest
25 December to 10 January	First TV adverts supported by posters, and precinct screenings	First phase of marketing; concentrating on significance of millennium; not the Dome or the project
January	Ticket allocations made to the travel trade	Trade press interest
End January	VIP visit suite and full reception facilities open on site	Not a bookable facility but a showcase mechanism for the company using display & videos
January	Legacy: Marketing due to begin inviting expressions of interest/bids to buy the Dome and the land	Subject to Ministerial/possibly Cabinet approval of process and timing

February	Millennium Festival large grant award announcements	Co-ordinated media events with Lottery Distributor partners
February to mid July	National Programme promotion and sponsor activity showcasing	Second phase of marketing to achieve broader nationwide Millennium focus; innovative media activity in partnership with sponsors
6 March	300 days to go.	Event in development
Spring	First phase of JLE opening	Not in NMEC's gift
April	Millennium Festival small grant phase begins	
14 June	200 days to go	Event in development
July	New millennium pier completed	
August	Meridian Point complete	Feature on meridian line
Late August-September	Selling the Dome	Third phase of marketing strategy
September	Tickets go on public sale	
22 September	100 days to go	Event in development
September/October	Rehearsals	
27/28 December	Previews	
31 December	Opening night	

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Remember Peter is v. close
to the Hinduja's. He would
know a lot of sh. things
I have worked in contact to it per

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~~Jonathan Powell~~

From: Angus Lapsley
Date: 16 October 1998

cc: Anji Hunter
Jeremy Heywood

THE DOME AND THE HINDUJAS

Media stories that they have agreed to put money into the Dome are jumping the gun. However, they have certainly made an offer and NMEC have been in preliminary discussion with them.

DTI private office seem to have seen the same material that we have and will discuss with Peter Mandelson before taking any further steps. I have asked them to keep us in the picture.

Angus

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From: RODNEY WATSON
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Date: 16 October 1998

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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

The Past Week: Media

Most prominently in a busy week:

Last week's decision on car parks by Greenwich Council led to a general re-heating by the Saturday papers of the story that those wishing to visit the Dome would have to park up to 50 miles away. The Company continues to hold its line that the arrangements for parking are satisfactory and that the transport package is a model of integrated planning.

Radio 4's Broadcasting House carried a largely very positive piece by Hugh Sykes on Sunday morning, covering Dome content, construction and the JLE.

Following the launch of BT's plans for the Communications Zone on Sunday night, several papers carried extensive coverage on Monday and there was broadcast coverage as well. Good photo layouts of proposed content.

Wednesday's Times had reports that the Hinduja Brothers were prepared to make a very substantial contribution to the costs of funding the Spirit Zone of the Dome. This story was picked up by the broadcast and print media overnight and the next day. [Line to take: "NMEC confirms that one of the four organisations it is in discussion with is the Hinduja Foundation, although it is not in a position to discuss the nature of the offer".]

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Peter Mandelson's article on Docklands and the Dome appeared in the first issue of "The Wharf" on Thursday. I have asked for copies to be sent to us.

The Independent on Friday carried an extensive feature article by Nonie Niesewand on Millennium projects which have great potential for attracting tourists in and beyond the year 2000. Curiously, the article reported that Chris Smith had attended a gala event in Paris on Thursday night to help promote the initiative. As you know, Secretary of State, you were not there.

Finally, Friday's Standard also splashed a page feature on the construction of a metal clock sculpture for the Millennium to be erected in Tunbridge Wells, which has left many of its residents, well, disgusted.

The Week's Events

Unit colleagues met representatives from across DCMS on Monday to discuss ways in which our work for the Millennium can be better understood internally. A regular forum is now established.

Sholto Douglas Home made a detailed presentation of NMEC's paid publicity plans at Tuesday's NMEC(G).

We attended a briefing at DETR on Tuesday by consultants appointed by English Partnerships to work on a masterplan for development of the Greenwich peninsula. There are presentational issues of some importance in this policy area and we are encouraging DETR to take an early lead in bringing together key players as soon as possible for discussions.

Following last week's meeting, I am now able to circulate a set of presentational objectives for the period down to the end of this year. If any copy recipients have comments I should be glad to have them.

On Thursday, I met DCMS Information Services with colleagues from DTI, the Millennium Commission and NMEC for a demonstration of the electronic database for Millennium events and announcements which has been created. There was general agreement that the database should work well, although a remaining problem concerning printing off hard copies has to be resolved. The system should be ready for use by the end of the month. I have written to Mike Ricketts, Angela Salt and Deborah Oliver asking for final confirmation of their organisations' commitment to this initiative.

You have both now agreed, following my submission of 7 October, that we should proceed to work up detailed proposals for a one day conference in January 1999 on Millennium presentation which will bring together information and policy colleagues from across government, the NDPBs and other third parties. I will aim to get a further paper to you with details of programme, those to be invited to attend and estimated costs by the beginning of November.

Next Week's Media

The Sunday Times is reported to be still looking hard at arrangements for NMEC's Dome catering contract and possible Granada involvement.

We hear that one of the Hinduja brothers is likely to appear on "Breakfast with Frost" on Sunday to discuss possible Spirit Zone funding.

Next Week's Events

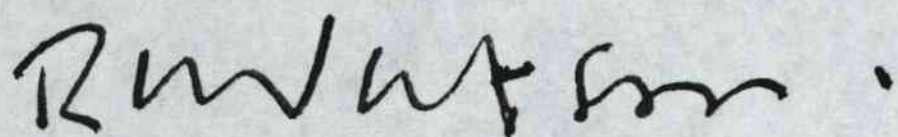
NMEC is launching its virtual reality Dome website today with a press conference in London, an event which will include a pre-recorded message of support from Peter Mandelson. Press release and further information available from NMEC press office.

NMEC launched a tourist trade promotion yesterday in Paris, jointly with the BTA. This will push both the Dome and other new British tourism landmarks as destinations for foreign visitors in the year 2000.

The Millennium Commission is today petitioning to have one of its projects, the Visions Centre, a sustainable communities centre in Manchester, put into administration. The project has insufficient funding to meet construction cost overruns. [Line to take: "The Commission is using its best endeavours to secure the completion of the Visions Centre project. It is the Commission's view that this action is in the best interests of the project and all other parties involved. We will be examining our options over the coming weeks."] More information available from the Commission press office.

The media sub-group of the London group is meeting at NMEC on Monday. I will attend with David McLaren from the Unit.

We publish the Government's response to the CMS Select Committee report "Not Only the Dome" on Wednesday. A short news release will accompany its publication. We have not been able to meet the Committee's request that alternative sources of funding should be identified for those wishing to celebrate the millennium but who cannot accept Lottery money from the Festival fund (ie, certain religious groups). Lines to take and Q&A will be circulated in advance.



RODNEY WATSON

KEY PRESENTATIONAL OBJECTIVES - THE UK MILLENNIUM - October-December 1998

NMEC

Main Objectives	Measurable increase in public confidence (NOP tracking poll)
Main Messages	"It's going well. It will be a must see event. It will make a difference"
Main Audience	General public. News media. Mothers via key media. Teachers and key opinion formers direct. Children via key media. Under 35s via key media.
Continuing Campaigns/New Initiatives	Announce start of BT zone 11/10/98. Announce content update 26/11/98. Announce 3 new sponsors. Announce 1 new Festival sponsor. London PR campaign Nov. Travel trade launches. Ads launch Dec.
Expected Outputs	Full national, regional and key media coverage for initiatives. Nationwide TV and poster ads.

Millennium Commission

Main Objectives	Manage potential negative stories relating to project issues. Maximise publicity opps. relating to 2 new initiatives (Mill. Voyager & Awards poster campaign).
Main Messages	"MC is investing lottery money efficiently & prudently all over UK in education, communities, environmental sustainability, revitalisation of cities and promoting science and technology. Encouraging "ordinary people to do extraordinary things".
Main Audience	National/regional media. 'Trade' press. MPs. General public.
Continuing Campaigns/New Initiatives	2/3 press releases per month relating to new sites and new individuals receiving grants. Managing potential negative news stories. Launch of Mill. Voyager and Awards poster campaign.
Expected Outputs	1/2 national hits in Nov. Up to 6 regional hits per month.

The Government

Main Objectives	Continue to improve coordination between key players inside and outside Government and to represent interests of Secretaries of State.
Main Messages	"Govt. playing key role in facilitating Millennium celebrations as we approach one 0 year to go".
Main Audience	The public, MPs, other opinion formers.
Continuing Campaigns/New Initiatives	Shared electronic diary to begin; plan Millennium conference for Jan 1999; co-ordinate 400 days publicity push; make progress on 1st Weekend planning for media co-ordination and facilities
Expected Outputs	Improved diary system and consequent presentational planning improvements; wider Ministerial involvement

Common goals

Main Objectives	Facilitate widest possible public understanding of and participation in full range of Millennium events and activities
Main Messages	"Britain will stage a world beating Millennium celebration in just over a year's time which will be exciting, inclusive, have meaning and provide a legacy"
Main Audience	The public generally; overseas media
Continuing Campaigns/New Initiatives	400 days and One Year to Go
Expected Outputs	Produce accelerating sense of anticipation and excitement in all target audiences; increased positive coverage nationally and locally on major Millennium projects

FORWARD LOOK, THE UK MILLENNIUM - FROM 15 OCTOBER 1998

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DATE, PLACE & TIME			EVENT OR ANNOUNCEMENT WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTION			MAIN MESSAGES & TARGET AUDIENCE	PROPOSED MEDIA HANDLING, PUBLICITY VEHICLES EXPECTED OUTPUTS	LEAD ORGANISATION & CONTACT
DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT			
ongoing				Regional media days at Dome		Regional Media	Feature outputs in local papers	Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
16/10/98	Hempel Hotel, Bayswater, London	12.00	Intel 3D Dome website launch	Go live on website	Virtual reality Dome on NMEC website.	Overseas marketing Dome is <i>new</i> technology	Internet specialist national & trade press. BBC, ITN, Sky.	Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
16/10/98	British Embassy, Paris	12.00	Travel trade launch	European Consumer launch	Part of overseas marketing PR drive	"Come to Dome in 2000" Promote Dome as attraction to French tourists TA: UK media, French consumers	Joint BTA/NMEC promotion. French media coverage GLR, Evening Standard	Jacinta Johnson NMEC 0171 808 8665
17/10/98				Youth Council meeting			No media promotion	Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
19/10/98	London	a.m.		One of Hinduja brothers interview "Breakfast with Frost"	Interview to discuss sponsorship deal for Spirit Zone			
19/10/98	London			Return of House of Commons				

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19/10/98	Shoreditch Church, Hackney	18.30 - 20.00	Church Floodlighting (MC Grant of £2,288,788) – a multi site project to floodlight 400 churches	Switching on	Mike O'Connor to attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the country. TA: Local and regional press (Evening Standard) and the general public.	Shoreditch Church Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
19/10/98	The PowerStation, Bankside	20.00	Tate Gallery of Modern Art (MC grant of £50million) – new national art gallery to house the Tate's modern collection	Projection of artists' film on to the façade of the former power station.	This is the fourth film in a series of 5.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education and revitalising the city of London by investing lottery money in this new art gallery TA: National, regional and specialist media and the general public	The Tate Gallery Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
21/10/98	London			Publication of CMS response to Select Committee Report		Govt. remains sensitive to constructive suggestions of Select Committee TA: Media and public	Press notice	Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 6356
21/10/98	London			4th Media Forum				

DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT	MESSAGE/AUDIENCE	HANDLING, VEHICLES, OUTPUTS	ORGANISATION / CONTACT
22/10/98	Rathfriland Community Centre, Banbridge, NI	13.00 - 14.30	Rathfriland Community Centre (MC Grant of £285,000) – a new community centre for an isolated rural community	Launch	Angela Salt from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Rathfriland Community centre TA: Local and regional press and the general public	The Rathfriland Community Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
22/10/98	Windsor Great Park	10.30	National Cycle Network, Windsor (MC grant of £43,500,000 for this multi site project) – creation of 2,785 mile millennium cycle route in the UK	Opening	tbc	The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the National Cycle Network TA: Local and regional press and the general public	The National Cycle Network Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
23/10/98	tbc		Annual conference of Institute of Personnel Development	Possible Manpower event	First detail about UK skills championships	Regional push	Press conference Hotline number	Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
23/10/98		11.00		Mandelson interview for <i>Good Housekeeping</i> magazine	Provide news peg for interview	Promote dome TA: National readership		Steve Gracey DTI 0171 215 5974
28/10/98				Mandelson interview with Stuart Payne of the <i>Evening Standard</i>	Provide news peg for interview	Promote dome TA: London readership		Steve Gracey DTI 0171 215 5974

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DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT	MESSAGE/AUDIENCE	HANDLING, VEHICLES, OUTPUTS	ORGANISATION / CONTACT
29/10/98	Sheffield	Eve.	"Made in Sheffield"	Dinner	Sponsored by <i>Sheffield Star</i> - Peter Mandelson to speak	Support for Sheffield's Millennium celebrations TA: Local public and media		Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 6356
29/10/98	Clackmannan Parish Church. Falkirk, Scotland	18.30	Church Floodlighting (MC grant of £2,288,788 for this multi site project) - to floodlight 400 churches	Switching on	Bill Alexander from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the UK TA: Local and regional press, specialist media and general public	The Church Floodlighting Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
30/10/98	Dome site	07.00		Possible O/B on Jazz FM including several live interviews	Robbie Vincent keen Dome supporter	Listeners	John Prescott possible interview	Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
30/10/98	Wick College, The Shore, Wick, Scotland	11.00 - 13.30	The University of the Highlands and islands (MC grant £33,354,000) - to create a new university for the Highlands and Islands	Official opening	tbc	The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money into this new university TA: National, regional, local and specialist press and the general public	The University of the Highlands and islands Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
31/10/98	Clara Park, Knock, Belfast	tbc	Belfast 2000, A City with a Landscape (MC grant of £2,640,900) - to improve the local environment in deprived areas of Belfast	Official opening (Phase 1)	Angela Salt or Mike O'Connor from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is revitalising our communities by investing lottery money in the Belfast 2000 project TA: Local and regional press, specialist media and general public	Belfast 2000 Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2002

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undated Oct.	Leeds (Yorks and Humberside)	tbc	Leeds Millennium Square (MC grant £5.4m) New public space	Start on site	tbc	The MC is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this new public space in Leeds TA: National and regional media and the general public	Leeds Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Oct.	Brierly Forest Park, Ashfield Notts., Saltmill Saltash, Plymouth (Umbrella Projects)	tbc	Changing Places -- Groundwork Foundation (MC Grant of £22,100,000) - A multi-site project to reclaim wasteland to enhance local environment	Launches	tbc	The Millennium Commission is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money reclaiming land for new public use. TA: Regional and national media and the general public	The Changing Places Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Oct.				Regional Editors Day	Invite all regional News organisations to send someone to Dome			
undated Oct.				Festival round up release	Number of applications received when next stage begins			Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
undated Oct.	London	tbc	Queen's speech					

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undated Oct.	London	tbc	British Council Youth Millennium Awards	Launch of scheme / reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK	MC grant £2.1m. The scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience which will be of direct benefit to their local communities. TA - national and regional	Award partner	
Oct/Nov.				Consumer campaign around M&S in-store promos				
1/11/98	Floodlighting St. Nicholas Church, Sutton, Surrey	18.30	Church Floodlighting (MC grant of £8017.25) - an umbrella project to floodlight 400 churches	Floodlighting the church Jim Briscoe from the MC will be attending		The MC is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the country. TA: National, Regional and specialist media and the general public	Church Floodlighting Press office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
2/11/98	Red Lodge Millennium Centre, Bury St Edmunds	14.15 - 15.30	Red Lodge Millennium Centre (MC Grant of £565,500) a working demonstration of an energy efficient community centre	1 st sod turning	Chris Spicely from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money into the Red Lodge Millennium Centre TA: Regional and specialist media and the general public	Red Lodge Millennium Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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6/11/98	Clonoe Community Centre, Coalisland, NI	tbc	Clonoe Community Centre (MC Grant of £613,000) – this project will provide a high quality, multi-purpose facility for all age groups in a remote area.	Official Opening Kevin Burke from the MC	Kevin Burke from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing money in the Clonoe Community Centre. TA: Local media	Clonoe Community Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
9/11/98	House of Commons, London	15.00 (tbc)		DCMS oral questions			Press Officers in Gallery. Peter Mandelson will answer Dome questions. We will be looking for good announcements for the day	Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 6356
12/11/98	Church House, Westminster, London	tbc	Sustrans, The National Cycle Network (MC grant of £43,500,000) – the creation of a millennium cycle route throughout the UK	A reception to support the development of the Thames Cycle Route	Bill Alexandra and Angela Salt from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the National Cycle Network. TA: National and local media and specialist press	Sustrans Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98	Peace Gardens, Sheffield	13.00 - 14.00	Remaking the Heart of the City (MC grant £20,500,00 for this multi site project) – to revitalise the centre of Sheffield	Tour of inspection	A Royal presence is expected A Director from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this heart of Sheffield TA: National, regional, local and specialist press and the general public	Remaking the Heart of the City Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98 -15/11/98	Manchester			APMEA Launch	Travel Trade			BTA

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14/11/98	Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Cambridgeshire	13.30 - 15.15	Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Project 2000 (MC Grant of £160,000) – the original hall will be refurbished	Opening	Bill Alexander and Kate Burditt from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Whittlesford Memorial Hall. TA: Local media and the general public	Whittlesford Memorial Hall Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
17/11/98	Ashton Centre, Belfast	tbc	New Start Millennium Award Scheme (MC Grant of £380,000) – the awards will offer a new opportunity for local people to play an active part in the developing their own community.	Launch of the Award scheme	Erica Roberts from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – Regional and national media	The New Start Millennium Award Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
17/11/98	Banqueting Hall			LTB Launch and possible <i>String of Pearls</i>				E. Boyden LTB 0171 808 8257
A date in the second two weeks in Nov. is tbc	Symposium Hall, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh (tbc)	10.30 - 14.00 (tbc)	SCRAN - Scottish Cultural Rural Access Network (MC Grant of £7,474,200) – multi media project which will present Scotland's cultural resources in an affordable and accessible way to schools, colleges, libraries throughout Scotland.	'Switching On' of system.	Lord Dalkeith to attend. There will be a live video link up with two classes of school children in the Shetlands.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money in Scotland and supporting this project. TA: Regional and National media. Specialist media (education) and general public	SCRAN Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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21/11/98	Lottery Live (TV)	19.50	Mobile Millennium unit MC investing lots of money throughout the UK.	Launch of unit	Chris Smith MP will attend	TA: Regional and National media and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
23/11/98 Possible	Possible British Museum, London	a.m. (mid)	Mobile Millennium unit – truck event. Millennium Commission investing lots of money throughout the UK including London	1 st event		TA: National media and Trade Press and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
23/11/98	Trillick, Co. Tyrone	a.m.	Enterprise Leisure, Trillick (MC grant of £350,000) - a multi-purpose building for the whole of the community to use	Official opening	Lord Glentoran from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is supporting local communities by investing lottery money in this multi-purpose facility TA: Local and regional press and general public	Enterprise Leisure Press Office and Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
26/11/98				400 days to go				
28/11/98	Central London	15.30 - 17.30	Save The Children (MC Grant of £1.2 million) – 72 awards to young people aged 16 – 20 throughout the UK.	Launch of Award Scheme	A Royal presence is expected and Lord Dalkeith will be attending	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA: Local, regional and national press, specialist press and the general public	Save The Children Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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28/11/98	Broughton Hall, near Skipton	19.00	Dales Environet (MC Grant of £4,000,870) – encouraging communities to look after their environment	Evening dinner for the 'well connected'	tbc	The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing money into this project. TA: Local press	Dales Environet Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
undated Nov.				Consumer campaign around Tesco's in-store promos	For information		Consumer promotion	NMEC/Tescos
undated Nov.				Millennium Treasures Launch	No sponsor			tbc
undated Nov.				World Travel Market Press Brief				
undated Nov.				Thames Gateway Conference	SoS DTI & Jennie Page to Speak (tbc)			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
undated Nov.				5th Media Forum				
undated Nov.	tba	tba	Mobile Mill. Unit	Launch of travelling exhibition	23 city tour to promote work of Mill. Comm.	To enhance public awareness of Mill. Comm. projects around UK	tba	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2090
undated Nov/Dec.	"			Millennium Commission poster campaign	Launch of poster campaign on award schemes			

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2/12/98				CBI West Midlands Regions - Senior Executive Lunch				
10/12/98				Possible Sky News Forum				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
11/12/98				Marketing Society Xmas Lunch	Jennie speaking			
15/12/98	Great Baddow, Essex	tbc	Great Baddow Community Centre (MC Grant of £233,825) - project to part replace and enlarge an existing community centre in a large suburban parish.	Opening	tbc	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Baddow Community Centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Great Baddow Community Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
15/12/98 (possible)			Possible trailer for NMEC advertising campaign					
19/12/98				Blind Date	Provisional			Fay Osborn
31/12/98				Possible involvement with Greenwich and Docklands Festival				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
undated Dec.				6th Media Forum				

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undated Dec.				Economic Impact Assessment Report	Greenwich Council, English Partnerships and NMEC			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
Dec/Jan				Announcement of Festival Grants Awards				
Dec/Jan				TV & Outdoor Advertising starts				Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320
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30/1/99	Brancaster Mill Centre - Norfolk (Millennium Activity Centre)	tbc	Brancaster Mill Centre in Norfolk (MC Grant of £370k) – a residential activity centre to be used by people of all ages and backgrounds involved in conservation	Opening ceremony	Graham Savage, Director of Corporate Services will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in this residential activity centre. TA: Regional media and the general public	Brancaster Mill Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Jan.				7th Media Forum				
undated Jan.				PR re-launch of trade ticket sales				
undated Jan.				Travel recruitment & travelling stories for trade press				
6/3/99				300 days to go				

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Undated Feb.				8th Media Forum				
Undated March				9th Media Forum				
Undated April				Jubilee Line Trains run (tbc)				
Undated April				10th Media Forum				
Undated April				Thames Gateway Conference at London Arena				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
19/5/99	Meanwood Valley Farm, Leeds	tbc	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, Leeds (MC Grant of £175,000) – project to develop an environmental centre designed as a local visitor attraction in an inner city area.	Opening		The Millennium Commission are encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in this environmental centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
Undated May				11th Media Forum				
14/6/99				200 days to go				
Undated June				12th Media Forum				
Undated June				Travel Trade trip to New Mill. Pier				
June/July				TV and Outdoor	2nd Phase tbc			Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320

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Undated July				Tickets go on sale				
Undated July				13th Media Forum				
Undated August				14th Media Forum				
Undated August				Meridian point complete				
22/9/99				100 days to go				
Undated Sept.				2nd Granada series begins				
Undated Oct.				Party Conference receptions				
Undated Dec.				Travel Trade previews				
Undated Dec.				Consumer previews				
ate 1999				South Bank Show on the Central Show				
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Undated Jan.				Multi-part documentary series about project begins	BBC			

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9 October 1998

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On legacy, I am still sitting on PM
intervention. As it gets closer to 22/10,
it becomes less useful to have.

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THE MILLENNIUM: A PROGRESS REPORT

Millennium Commission

Mike O'Connor's meeting with the Coalfields Community project went much better than expected. Dennis Skinner was helpful and the Commission are pretty confident that the agreed way forward will work.

Millennium Experience

Dome Content

2 The content team have started to move down to Greenwich.

Sponsorship

3 We are putting together a paper for No 10 setting out the scope, purpose and optimum timing of a sponsorship event involving the Prime Minister. We will have this ready by the time SoS(TI) returns from the US. It can then be put to No 10 in advance of the meeting with the PM on 22 October.

Legacy

4 We took a step backwards this week in terms of joint agreement between NMEC, MC, DETR and EP about the way in which the competition should be handled. Following an unhelpful letter from DETR, Jennie Page is writing to Robin Young seeking a meeting of Accounting Officers or their representatives. This will, I hope, resolve the issue.

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Jubilee Line

5 The next meeting of the Glenda Jackson group is on 12 October. She is still involved as Minister for Transport in London, although John Reid has taken a hand in JLE matters.

National Programme

6 The Learning Experience was launched on Monday. The event was well attended, and the Junior Board were particularly impressive.

Millennium Festival

7 We hope to have an initial analysis of applications by the middle of October.

First Weekend

8 You have a large package of material on this.

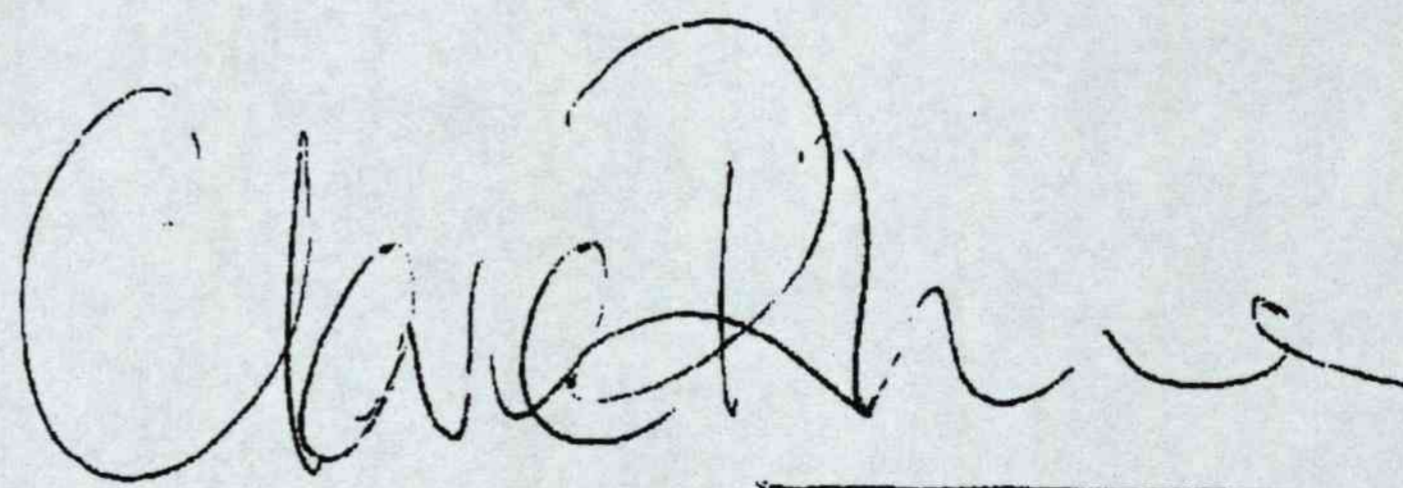
International issues

9 I had a good meeting with Berit Lanke from the Norwegian Millennium Council this week. She has suggested that, rather than have two meetings of millennial organisers this autumn (one in Rome and one in Trondheim), we should settle on one. I am speaking to the White House about this.

Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

10 We are waiting for Glenda Jackson's comments on the Select Committee response. We are still aiming to publish on 19 October.



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THE MILLENNIUM: A PROGRESS REPORT

Millennium Commission

The Commission were pleased with the level of interest in their projects at the Party Conference. Mike O'Connor is visiting the Coalfields Community project next week to explain the Commission's concerns to the organisers and seek to agree a way forward.

Millennium Experience

Dome Content

2 The content team move down to Greenwich on 12 October. The training of the acrobats for the Central Show begins next week. NMECG on Tuesday will include a presentation from Claire Sampson on content (if anyone on the copy list for this would like to attend, I am sure it could be arranged).

Sponsorship

3 We are putting together a paper for No 10 setting out the scope, purpose and optimum timing of a sponsorship event involving the Prime Minister.

Legacy

4 Good progress has been made on this front this week, in the sense that we seem to have reached a common understanding at official level between DETR, NMEC, the Commission and English Partnerships of how the competition should be managed. Some further work will need to be done on this to ensure that all the relevant accounting officers can be satisfied with what is being proposed.

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Jubilee Line

5 The next meeting of the Glenda Jackson group is on 12 October.

National Programme

6 The Learning Experience will be launched next week.

Millennium Festival

7 The closing date for applications to the Festival Fund was Wednesday. The Millennium Commission were flooded with applications that day. It looks as if there will be over 5,000 in total.

First Weekend

8 Jennie Page convened a meeting today of the key players in the London River event. The meeting was extremely positive and will result in a letter from NMEC to the Millennium Commission asking them to consider funding such an event. In tandem with this, good progress is being made on the Millennium Church Services (the Council for Churches in Britain and Ireland have called a meeting this afternoon to discuss the format of the services). We will be putting a paper to you on progress on the First Weekend next week, and would suggest a meeting once you have both returned from your travels.

International issues

9 We are making some progress on the international front. I met representatives from the South African Millennium Company this week, and the Norwegians are over next week. Nigel Pittman attended the millennium lunch at the White House - his report suggests that, if we want the next Rome meeting to be an advance on the last one, we are going to have to take a more active role!

Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

10 You will receive the draft report next week. We are on target to earn brownie points for publishing it on 19 October.



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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

The roundup and forward look is being circulated early this week, since I will be away for the next two days. Next week's roundup will cover a slightly longer period than usual.

The Past Week: Media

Notable this week thus far:

Alison Jack's half-hour documentary for SKY TV on progress at the Dome and on other Millennium projects around the UK aired over the weekend. It was very largely positive and upbeat in tone. Both NMEC and the Commission co-operated closely with SKY while the programme was put together. SKY promises further regular updates.

Last Friday's announcement that Bechtel is to oversee the completion of the JLE was not interpreted favourably by the newspapers. The Standard set the tone with "Blow to Dome as Jubilee Line is delayed Again" on Friday. Most other papers piled in with versions of the same headline on Saturday. Most balanced was the Financial Times. The Times carried a comment from John Maxton MP saying that any further additional costs incurred in completing the JLE should be covered from the Dome's profits (!).

Richard Brooks did not produce the expected piece in the Observer on costume design for the Dome's central show, but rather made the front page with a story claiming that there is a risk that the Dome will collapse into the Blackwall Tunnel under the weight of two of its Zones. Brooks' sources: spokesmen for two firms of architects being employed on the Spirit and Mind Zones.

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The Standard claimed on Monday that the continuing failure of the JLR to open has meant that scores of NMEC staff are marooned in expensive accommodation in Victoria rather than being able to work at the Dome site.

The Week's Events

I met with DCMS Information Services colleagues on Tuesday and reached agreement with them about work to secure the electronic diary of Millennium events. They estimate that we should have a database ready for use by the end of October. I will provide further information about demonstrations of the system and costs in due course.

Peter Mandelson is speaking to NMEC's reception for Labour delegates at Blackpool tomorrow. The Millennium Unit is providing bullpoint briefing on progress on the Dome over the past year.

Next Week's Media

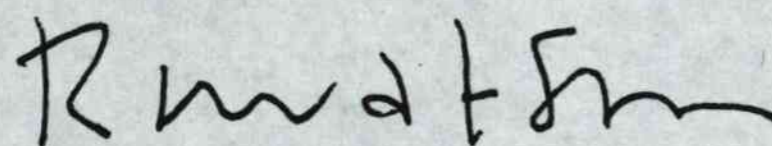
Jane Hughes of the Evening Standard is preparing a piece for Thursday's paper about the activities of the Docklands Forum in respect of Dome legacy. We have briefed her on the current position and offered a statement cleared with DETR.

"What Will They Think of Next" on Granada TV continues its series of Dome programmes tomorrow.

Next Week's Events

Commission-funded projects are the focus for a number of events next week. See Forward Look.

The Company's Education Plan is being launched on site at Greenwich on Monday morning next week. Charles Clarke (PUSS at DfEE) will attend.



RODNEY WATSON

FORWARD LOOK, THE UK MILLENNIUM - FROM 30 SEPTEMBER 1998

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DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT			
undated Sept.	Greenwich			Launch of site visits for local community groups	For information			Andrew Parry NMEC 0181 293 8600
ongoing Oct.				Short term campaign in regional business press to support local Festival Sponsorship activities	All Partnership Managers are required to raise £2m sponsorship for Festival activities			Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
ongoing Oct.				Regional media days at Dome		Regional Media		Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
undated Oct.				Adverts in <i>House Magazine</i> - 3 party conference editions				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
1/10/98	Blackpool, Labour Party Conference	12.45		NMEC Annual reception for Labour party delegates	Peter Mandelson and Jennie Page to speak			Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303

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1/10/98	Aberfeldy, East London (Multi site)	tbc	Millennium Greens (MC Grant of £10 m) – project will create 250 'breathing spaces' known as Millennium Greens throughout England.	2nd birthday. The Aberfeldy area community will be helping to start work on the hand-printed tiles for the amphitheatre	The Pearly King and Queen for the Isle of Dogs will be there. Ellen Dempster and Graham Savage from the MC will be attending	The MC is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the Millennium Greens project. TA: National, regional and specialist (environmental media and the general public)	Mill. Greens Press Office and MC Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill. Comm. 0171 880 2007
1/10/98	Leeds	18.00 - 20.00	Raleigh International Millennium Award scheme (MC grant £1.9m) 360 young people from 3 UK cities experience the challenge of working together on a series of community and environ. projects in their home cities and in developing countries overseas	Event to mark the end of the scheme in Leeds	Jane Saunders and Meg Cunningham from the MC will be attending.	The MC is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. TA: National, regional and specialist media and the general public.	Raleigh International Press Office and the MC Press Office	Judith Moore or Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
1/10/98	Granada TV		Series on Millennium Dome	"What will they think of next?"				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
2/10/98	Dartford, Kent	11.00	Changing places - Groundwork Foundation (MC grant of £22.1m) reclaiming wasteland to enhance local environment	Completion of riding facilities	tbc	The MC is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in the environment. TA: Local and regional press	Changing Places Press Office and the MC Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill. Comm. 0171 880 2007

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0/98	Enniskillen, Northern Ireland	11.00	Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards Scheme (MC Grant of £630k) – awards throughout NI raising awareness of threats current lifestyles pose to the environment	Launch of 2 nd round	All those involved in the scheme. Lord Glentoran may be attending (tbc) Dawn Conde from the MC will be attending	The MC is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. TA: Regional media and the general public	Sustainable Communities Press Office and the MC Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore or Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
10/98	Glasgow	tbc	BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) Millennium Award Scheme (MC Grant of £3m) – scheme will offer awards to enhance and develop individual's communication skills.	Event to publicise scheme	Kizzie Pearce and Graham Savage from MC to attend	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA: Regional and specialist (education) media and the general public	BTCV Millennium Award Scheme Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
10/98	Circus Space, London	15.30		Media opp. at Circus Space tbc	Mark Fisher to introduce chosen Dome trainees		Press invited	Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
10/98	St Barnabus Church, Ealing	Setting is at 11.30	St. Barnabus Church Hall (MC Grant of £425,357) – replacing the existing temporary hall with a new hall	Corner Stone Setting	The local MP and the Mayor will be attending Alistair McDonald from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the new church hall TA: Local media and the general public	St Barnabus Church Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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5/10/98	Heathrow, London	10.00 - 12.00	Raleigh International Millennium Award scheme (MC grant £1.9m) - the scheme is enabling 360 young people from 3 UK cities to experience the challenge of working together	Leaving reception for those going away	Dawn Conde from the Millennium Commission to attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. TA: National, regional and specialist media and the general public	Raleigh International Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
5/10/98	The Powerstation, Bankside, London	20.00 - 22.00	Tate Gallery of Modern Art, London (MC Grant: £50m) - new national art gallery to house Tate's modern collection	Projection of a number of artists' films on to the façade of the former Power Station over a period of five Monday evenings.	This will take place on the last Monday in September and the next four Mondays in October.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education and revitalising the city of London by investing lottery money into it. TA: National, regional and specialist media(Arts) and the general public	The Tate Gallery Press Office and The Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
5/10/98	The Copthorne Manchester Hotel, Salford Quays, Manchester	12 for 12.30 - 14.00	Lowry Centre (MC grant of £15.65m) - waterfront complex in Salford to include 2 theatres and a gallery.	Media briefing day	Ben Ruse from the MC to attend	The MC is investing in education by investing lottery money into the Lowry Centre TA: National and regional media, specialist medial (arts, education) and the general public	The Lowry Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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5/10/98	Greenwich	14.00 - 16.00	CAFOD (MC £245k) The scheme will enable teachers, youth leaders and parish activists in England and Wales to experience first hand development work in Third World	Event to celebrate 16 Award winners starting their Award overseas	Emily Daviron from MC to attend.	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – National and regional media and the general public	CAFOD Press Office and the MC Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore Mill Comm 0171 880 2092
5/10/98	On-site, Greenwich	11.00-12.30	NMEC Learning Agenda	Launch of Company's education package; possible link with TESCO SchoolNet	DfEE PUSS Charles Clarke to attend	Launch will underscore NMEC's commitment to educational outreach for the Experience	NMEC liaising with DfEE	Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
6/10/98	B'mouth	12.30 - 14.30		NMEC Tory Conference Reception				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
8/10/98	Granada TV		Series on Millennium Dome	"What Will They Think of Next?"				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
8/10/98	Wilson Bowden Solicitors, Ibstock, Leicester	12.30 - 14.00	National Forest millennium Discovery Centre (MC Grant of £6,229,000) – the discovery centre will focus on education and demo of the innovative uses of wood and wood technology.	Signing	Joseph James form the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Discovery Centre. TA – National and regional press, specialist media and general public	The Discovery Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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10/10/98	Venture Centre 2000, Lawford, Essex	12.00 - 16.00	Venture Centre 2000 (MC Grant of £270k) – a new scouting HQ and community centre.	Opening of centre – family fun day	They are hoping to get a local celebrity to attend Ray Anderson from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money into the local community centre TA: Local media and the general public	The Venture Centre 2000 Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
11/10/98	Dome	06.30		BT Launch	content announcement	to be determined	to be determined	BT/NMEC
12/10/98	London			Women of the Year Assembly	Jennie Page to speak			Deborah Oliver NMEC 0171 808 8325
14/10/98	Los Angeles			US Trade launch				BTA
poss. 15/10/98			Intel 3D Dome	Go live on website	Virtual reality Dome on NMEC website		Press notice	Janet Hare NMEC 0171 808 8319
15/10/98	Paris			European Consumer launch				E. Boyden BTA/ 0171 808 8257
Mid Oct.				Youth Council meeting				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314

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15/10/98	London	tbc	British Council Youth Mill. Awards (MC grant of £2.1m) - the scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience within a community.	Launch of scheme/ reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK.	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – National and regional media and the general public	The British Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
18/10/98				Poss. Manpower event	tbc			
21/10/98	London			4th Media Forum				
29/10/98	Sheffield		"Made in Sheffield"	Dinner	Janet Anderson to speak			Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 3656
undated Oct.	Leeds (Yorks and Humberside)	tbc	Leeds Millennium Square (MC grant £5.4m) New public space	Start on site		The MC is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this new public space in Leeds TA: National and regional media and the general public	Leeds Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Oct.	Brierly Forest Park, Ashfield Notts., Saltmill Saltash, Plymouth (Umbrella Projects)	tbc	Changing Places – Groundwork Foundation (MC Grant of £22,100,000) - A multi-site project to reclaim wasteland to enhance local environment	Launches	tbc	The Millennium Commission is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this multi site. TA: Regional and national media and the general public	The Changing Places Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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undated Oct.			Central show	Training begins				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314 Gabrielle Owtram NMEC 0171 808 8226
undated Oct.				Regional Editors Day	Invite all regional News organisations to send someone to Dome			
undated Oct.	Site			Possible O/B on Jazz FM including several live interviews				Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
undated Oct.				Possible O/B from site on Jazz FM including several live interviews			Jazz FM	Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
undated Oct.				Festival round up release	Number of applications received when next stage begins			Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
undated Oct.	tba		Millennium Awards Fellowship	Launch		Launch of Millennium awards fellowship Poss. PM or SoS appearance		Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2090

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undated Oct.	London	tbc	British Council Youth Millennium Awards	Launch of scheme / reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK	MC grant £2.1m. The scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience which will be of direct benefit to their local communities. TA - national and regional	Award partner	
Oct/Nov.				Consumer campaign around M&S in-store promos				
1/11/98	Floodlighting St. Nicholas Church, Sutton, Surrey	18.30	Church Floodlighting (MC grant of £8017.25) - an umbrella project to floodlight 400 churches	Floodlighting the church Jim Briscoe from the MC will be attending		The MC is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the country. TA: National, Regional and specialist media and the general public	Church Floodlighting Press office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
6/11/98	Clonoe Community Centre, Coalisland, NI	tbc	Clonoe Community Centre (MC Grant of £613,000) - this project will provide a high quality, multi-purpose facility for all age groups in a remote area.	Official Opening Kevin Burke from the MC	tbc	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing money in the Clonoe Community Centre. TA: Local media	Clonoe Community Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98 -15/11/98	Manchester			APMEA Launch	Travel Trade			BTA

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17/11/98	Ashton Centre, Belfast	tbc	New Start Millennium Award Scheme (MC Grant of £380,000) – the awards will offer a new opportunity for local people to play an active part in the developing their own community.	Launch of the awards	tbc	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – Regional and national media	The New Start Millennium Award Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
17/11/98	Banqueting Hall			LTB Launch and poss. <i>String of Pearls</i>				E. Boyden LTB 0171 808 8257
21/11/98	Lottery Live (TV)	19.50	Mobile Millennium unit MC investing lots of money throughout the UK.	Launch of unit	Chris Smith MP	TA: Regional and National media and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
Poss. 23/11/98	Poss. British Museum, London	a.m. (mid)	Mobile Millennium unit – truck event. Millennium Commission investing lots of money throughout the UK including London	1 st event		TA: National media and Trade Press and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
26/11/98				400 days to go				
28/11/98	Broughton Hall, near Skipton	19.00	Dales Environet (MC Grant of £4,000,870) – encouraging communities to look after their environment	Evening dinner for the 'well connected'	They have requested that a commissioner attend.	The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing money into this project. TA: Local press	Dales Environet Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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undated Nov.				Consumer campaign around Tesco's in-store promos	For information		Consumer promotion	NMEC/Tescos
undated Nov.				Millennium Treasures Launch	No sponsor			tbc
undated Nov.				World Travel Market Press Brief				
undated Nov.				Thames Gateway Conference	SoS DTI & Jennie Page to Speak (tbc)			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
undated Nov.				5th Media Forum				
undated Nov.	tba	tba	Mobile Mill. Unit	Launch of travelling exhibition	23 city tour to promote work of Mill. Comm.	To enhance public awareness of Mill. Comm. projects around UK	tba	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2090
undated Nov/Dec.				Millennium Commission poster campaign	Launch of poster campaign on award schemes			

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A date in the second two weeks in Nov. is tbc	Symposium Hall, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh (tbc)	10.30 - 14.00 (tbc)	SCRAN Scottish Cultural Rural Access Network (MC Grant of £7,474,200) – multi media project which will present Scotland's cultural resources in an affordable and accessible way to schools, colleges, libraries throughout Scotland.	'Switching On' of system.	Lord Dalkeith to attend. There will be a live video link up with two classes of school children in the Shetlands.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money in Scotland and supporting this project. TA: Regional and National media. Specialist media (education) and general public	SCRAN Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
2/12/98				CBI West Midlands Regions - Senior Executive Lunch				
10/12/98				Poss. Sky News Forum				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
11/12/98				Marketing Society Xmas Lunch	Jennie speaking			
15/12/98	Central London	15.30 - 17.30	Save The Children (MC Grant of £1.2 million) – 72 awards to young people aged 16 – 20 throughout the UK.	Launch of Award Scheme	The Princess Royal and Lord Dalkeith will be attending	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'	Save The Children Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
19/12/98				Blind Date	Provisional			Fay Osborn

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31/12/98				Poss. involvement with Greenwich and Docklands Festival				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
undated Dec.				6th Media Forum				
undated Dec.				Economic Impact Assessment Report	Greenwich Council, English Partnerships and NMEC			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
Dec/Jan				Announcement of Festival Grants Awards				
Dec/Jan				TV & Outdoor Advertising starts				Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320
1999								
30/1/99	Great Baddow, Essex	tbc	Great Baddow Community Centre (MC Grant of £233,825) - project to part replace and enlarge an existing community centre in a large suburban parish.	Opening	tbc	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Baddow Community Centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Great Baddow Community Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
undated Jan.				7th Media Forum				
undated Jan.				PR re-launch of trade ticket sales				

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undated Jan.				Travel recruitment & travelling stories for trade press				
6/3/99				300 days to go				
undated Feb.				8th Media Forum				
undated March				9th Media Forum				
undated April				Jubilee Line Trains run (tbc)				
undated April				10th Media Forum				
undated April				Thames Gateway Conference at London Arena				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
19/5/99	Brancaster Mill Centre - Norfolk (Millennium Activity Centre)	tbc	Brancaster Mill Centre in Norfolk (MC Grant of £370k) – a residential activity centre to be used by people of all ages and backgrounds involved in conservation	Opening ceremony	Graham Savage, Director of Corporate Services will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in this residential activity centre. TA: Regional media and the general public	Brancaster Mill Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated May				11th Media Forum				
14/6/99				200 days to go				

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undated June				12th Media Forum				
undated June				Travel Trade trip to New Mill. Pier				
June/July				TV and Outdoor	2nd Phase tbc			Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320
undated July				Tickets go on sale				
undated July				13th Media Forum				
undated August				14th Media Forum				
undated August				Meridian point complete				
22/9/99				100 days to go				
undated Sept.				2nd Granada series begins				
undated Oct.				Party Conference receptions				
undated Dec.				Travel Trade previews				
undated Dec.				Consumer previews				
Late 1999				South Bank Show on the Central Show				

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undated 1999	Meanwood Valley Farm, Leeds	tbc	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, Leeds (MC Grant of £175,000) – project to develop an environmental centre designed as a local visitor attraction in an inner city area	Opening	Invited Prince Charles	The Millennium Commission are encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in this environmental centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
2000								
undated Jan. 2000				Multi-part documentary series about project begins	BBC			



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From the Private Secretary

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25 September 1998

Dear Angus

LAUNCH OF THE MILLENNIUM AWARDS FELLOWSHIP

We have corresponded before about the possible involvement of the Prime Minister in the launch of the Millennium Commission's Awards Fellowship. The Prime Minister's involvement would boost the Awards scheme enormously. The Commission would be happy to fit the launch, both in terms of timing and venue, to the Prime Minister's diary.

The attached fact sheet provides some background to the Millennium Awards scheme. It was the first example of Lottery grants to individuals and is aimed at self-improvement and strengthening communities. It is administered by not-for-profit organisations such as Age Concern, The Prince's Trust, Mind, The Scarman Trust and the Tyne and Wear Foundation on behalf of the Commission. There are many resonances between this scheme and the Giving Age proposals.

On completion of their work each Award winner will become a Millennium Awards Fellow, an accolade and recognition which will be an integral part of the Award. The Commission's hopes that the Fellowship will ultimately achieve the same recognition and respect as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award enjoys. The Fellowship will have a continuing role in providing a platform for talented individuals who can make an important contribution to society well into the next millennium. It is this Fellowship which we are hoping the Prime Minister will agree to launch.

The Awards have yet to achieve public recognition, a point made by a recent Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee report. The launch of the Fellowship is a unique opportunity and the Prime Minister's involvement would make a huge difference. At the same time my Secretary of State, as Chair of the Commission, would write to all MPs to let them know about individual Award winners in their constituencies. So far, nearly 3,000 people are involved in the scheme. A poster campaign featuring Award winners will be launched in early December. If the Prime Minister's diary permitted, it might be possible to link the launch of the Fellowship with the launch of the poster campaign.

> I am copying this letter to Ben Coates in Peter Mandelson's office, to Geoff Mulgan, given his Giving Age interests, to Peter Hyman at No 10 and to Clare Pillman.

Yan
Tony

TONY DYER
Principal Private Secretary

MILLENNIUM AWARDS

- * One strand of the Millennium Commission's funding goes towards the Millennium Awards scheme.
- * Millennium Awards are small Lottery grants, of at least £2,000, to enable individual people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to put their own bright ideas into action, fulfilling a personal goal and in doing so enriching their communities in the new Millennium.
- * Awards are made to individuals through grant making organisations who run the Award schemes in partnership with the Millennium Commission. Awards Partners contribute partnership funding of a minimum of 10% towards the cost of the scheme.
- * The Commission is challenging organisations with a proven track record in grant administration to develop innovative ideas which offer new and exciting opportunities for people to develop their potential as individuals and members of the community.
- * The current headline theme is "**You & your community**". New themes will be announced approximately every three years.
- * £200 million is being made available to Millennium Award schemes.
- * To date, 39 schemes have been supported, covering 16,500 people across the UK.
- * By the year 2,004 more than 40,000 people will have participated in one of more than 100 Award schemes.
- * So far our youngest award winner has been 15 years old , our oldest 92.
- * Individual Award recipients will be recognised through the formation of the Millennium Fellowship, which aims to ensure the continuing development of skills acquired and bonds formed during participation in the Awards schemes.
- * £20 million was available for the third Millennium Award scheme application round which closed on 5 March 1998.
- * Current Awards Partners include:

Save the Children Fund 'Saying Power'

Award total £1.2m

72 Awards of around £15,000 to people aged 16-20 in 12 UK cities. Award winners will undertake projects which seek to encourage young people to get involved in

decision making and improving services which affect them and other young people. They will gain appropriate training and build networks with other Award winners and SCF young participation projects and mentors will also be available to offer support.

Community Service Volunteers

Award total £1,583,960

300 Awards to young people aged 14-25 years for projects which forge new partnerships between schools, colleges and universities and their local community.

CAFOD

Award total £246,410

48 Awards to teachers, youth leaders and parish activists throughout England and Wales. Award winners will be given an opportunity to experience first hand development work in Third World countries and to share their experiences with their home communities.



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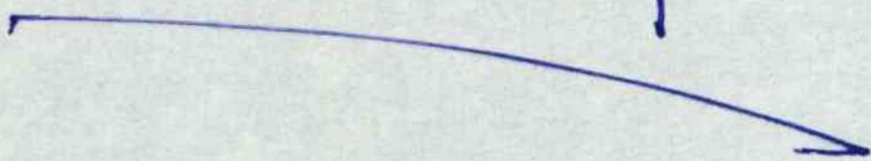
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that I start copying
his roundups and forward
look to you.

Rowley



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Dear William
I have just received
your letter of the 10th
and am glad to hear
from you.
I am well and hope
these few lines will
find you the same.

Yours truly
J. B. [unclear]

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Date: 25 September 1998

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MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

The Past Week: Media

The range and volume of Millennium stories continues to expand week on week. A reminder to copy recipients of the Commission's cuttings service: their output contains a wide selection of regional and local stories every day.

Notable this week:

A taste of further vitriol to come from Stephen Bayley in last week's Spectator ("Turgid, Bossy and Camp With It"): a wider anti-Labour piece finds time to slam the Dome yet again.

Saturday's Independent had a positive piece on the recruitment scheme for young performers to be trained in circus skills.

The Sunday Times carried a front page story on the final design of the Body in the Dome; the artist's impression was accurate. Following pressure from NMEC, the paper also carried a correction concerning its claim that the budget for content development of the Dome had been cut. The Sunday People and the Express both carried items claiming that ticket prices for the Dome would be out of reach for many people. The Sunday Telegraph carried a reheated account of the plans to hold a two minute silence on New year's Eve 1999, which are being backed by the Lambeth Group and by Chris Smith. The Mail on Sunday's colour supplement had a five page fashion shoot at the Dome site.

On Tuesday, the usually unhelpful Rowan Moore produced a positive article in the Standard on the Tate Bankside, with a nod toward the Commission's funding role. The South London Press featured a very favourable account of the boost to south London business which the Greenwich project is producing.

The latest in the "What Will They Think of Next?" series on the Dome on Thursday evening looked at the recycling best practice principles being used in the design and construction of the Dome's Living Island zone. TESCO's SchoolNet project also featured.

On Friday the tabloids picked up the National Identity zone public opinion survey announced at the NMEC media forum the previous day. Reaction was somewhat mixed: the Standard ran a largely positive piece, for example, while James Clark in the Mail was rather scornful.

Friday's Standard also carried what must surely have been a meeting of kindred spirits: Rowan Moore interviews Stephen Bayley about his book; the obligatory anti-Dome swipe appears.

BBC breakfast news carried reports on Friday of the Adam Smith Institute's positive report on the Millennium Experience. The report earned a paragraph in the Mirror as well.

The Week's Events

The Commission issued a press release on Monday announcing the designation of five new major awards partners. This is attached for information.

Janet Anderson attended the unveiling of the rain canopy constructed from surplus Dome roof materials at Chisenhale Primary School in North London on Tuesday. Local media and construction press attended.

We met Avril MacRory, the BBC's Head of the Millennium Event for lunch on Wednesday and had a very valuable discussion about the BBC's plans for the First Weekend. We will use this meeting as a springboard for further all-player gatherings of broadcast and press to discuss coordination and facilitation as the extent of the event becomes clearer.

Mike O'Connor has written to the Daily Mail this week drawing attention to their claim that the Dome is being built with "Government money".

NMEC held its monthly media forum on Thursday, providing those present with a pack containing press releases on jobs created locally in Greenwich by the Dome project, work commencing on the new pier at Greenwich, the advertorial promotion launched in women's magazines through a partnership with IPC and the opinion poll of 10,000 people soliciting views on what should be exhibited in the Dome's National identity zone. The Company also launched its new consumer leaflet at the media forum.

The advertorial campaign is the biggest cross-magazine promotion ever undertaken by the group. The bespoke advertorials are running now in ten titles and concentrating on the Millennium Experience's education plans; they thus major on TESCO's sponsorship.

On Friday, London transport announced that Bechtel would be contracted to oversee the

completion of the JLE. London Transport and DETR both issued press releases. We have circulated this material to all those with an interest this morning.

Next Week's Media

The postponed Observer piece giving a profile of the Dome show's costume designer will run this Sunday.

The Sunday Times is likely to run an article on the creative "Godfathers" of the Dome's zones.

SKY television's half hour report on the Millennium is being broadcast on Saturday 26th at 11:30 am. The Granada series on the Dome continues next Thursday evening.

The Times may run a piece next week on Britain's leading role on the world stage in preparing to celebrate the Millennium.

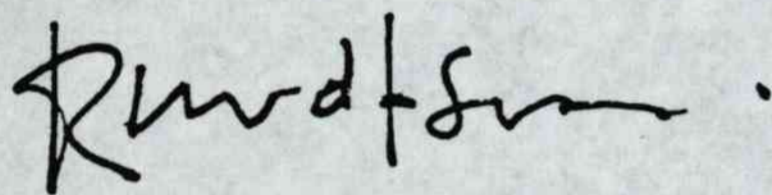
Next Week's Events

I am meeting DCMS's IT people next Tuesday, together with the department's IT contractor, to discuss the details of setting up our proposed electronic diary of millennium events and announcements. I will be pressing hard for some sort of critical path and target delivery date.

The Company is holding a reception at the Labour Party Conference on Tuesday next week, at which Jennie Page will speak.

Diarist Leave

I shall be on leave from mid-afternoon next Wednesday through the end of the week but reachable by pager. The roundup meeting will thus be held on Wednesday morning and this report circulated the same afternoon.



RODNEY WATSON

FORWARD LOOK, THE UK MILLENNIUM - FROM 25 SEPTEMBER 1998

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DATE, PLACE & TIME			EVENT OR ANNOUNCEMENT WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTION			MAIN MESSAGES & TARGET AUDIENCE	PROPOSED MEDIA HANDLING, PUBLICITY VEHICLES EXPECTED OUTPUTS	LEAD ORGANISATION & CONTACT
DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT			
25/9/98	Aghalee Village hall, Northern Ireland (Umbrella project)	19.00	Aghalee Village hall (MC Grant of £4,617,000) part of 21st century halls for NI scheme	Opening of 1st hall	Lord and Lady Glentoran will be attending	MC is supporting our communities by investing lottery money throughout NI TA: Regional	The 21st century halls for NI Press Office and the MC press office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill. Comm. 0171 880 2007
25/9/98	Leeds	tbc	BASSAC Millennium Awards (British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres (MC Grant of £265,000))	Launch of round 2 of the awards covering the E Midlands and NW England	Rob Luke from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. TA: Local and regional media, specialist media (education) and general public	BASSAC Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
25/9/98	Rudheath, High School, Macclesfield	14.00 15.30	Changing Places – Groundwork Foundation (MC Grant £22.1m total of all projects)	Launch of Griffiths Park	The Mayor will attend and will take part in the prize giving Graham Savage from the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is TA: Regional media, specialist press (environment) and the general public.	The Changing Places Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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25-6/9/98	Cardiff	16.30	Techniquest Millennium Award scheme (MC grant £365,000) - amateur scientists raising awareness of science, engineering and technology in Wales	Festival to celebrate end of scheme	Emily Davron from the MC will be attending	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA: national, regional and specialist (Science) media and the general public	The Techniquest Press office and the MC Press office to liaise	Judith Moc Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
26/9/98 (NB Date change)	The Stanegate Inheritance, Newbrough Village, Northumberland (North)	tbc	The Stanegate Inheritance (MC Grant of £207,000) - to refurbish and extend the existing Town hall and Women's Institute Grade II listed buildings in Newbrough Village.	Opening	Lord Ridley to do the official opening	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Town Hall and refurbishing it. TA: Regional media and the general public	The Stanegate Inheritance Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
28/9/98	The Powerstation Bankside, London	20.00 - 22.00	Tate Gallery of Modern Art, London (MC Grant: £50m) - new national art gallery to house Tate's modern collection	Projection of a number of artists' films on to the façade of the former Power Station over a period of five Monday evenings.	This will take place on the last Monday in September and the next four Mondays in October.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education and revitalising the city of London by investing lottery money into it. TA: National, regional and specialist media (Arts) and the general public	The Tate Gallery Press Office and The Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
29/9/98	Cranhill Site in Glasgow	13.30 - 14.30	Children In Glasgow (MC Grant of £1,703,000) - two children's centres in Glasgow. Focus for two regeneration schemes in Glasgow.	1 st Sod Cutting	Joseph James and Steve Collis from the MC will be attending	The Millennium Commission is investing in our communities by supporting this project in Glasgow. TA: Local press and the general public	The Children In Glasgow Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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from Sept.				Consumer campaign around Tesco's in-store promos	For information		Consumer promotion	NMEC/Tescos
undated Sept.	Leeds (Yorks and Humberside)	tbc	Leeds Millennium Square (MC grant £5.4m) New public space	Start on site		The MC is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this new public space in Leeds TA: National and regional media and the general public	Leeds Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Sept.	Greenwich			Launch of site visits for local community groups	For information			Andrew Parry NMEC 0181 293 8600
undated Sept.	Rotherham		Magna: The conversion of the existing but redundant Templeborough Steel Mill into a visitor attraction which will focus on British Industry	Start on site	Civic dignitaries are invited to this event	MC grant £18.6m. TA - national, regional and specialist media	Project	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 017 880 2007 (JB)

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End of Sept. / start of Oct.	Belfast	tbc	New Start Millennium Awards scheme (MC grant £380k)	Launch	Possible inviting Mary Robinson. UN rep.	The scheme will offer a new opportunity for individuals to take part in developing their own and their community's future through personalised community training packages which may range from basic literacy skills to community leadership skills. TA: National, Regional and specialist (education) media and the general public	The New Start Millennium Awards Scheme Press Office and the MC Press Office	Judith Moore or Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2092
Sept/Oct				Short term campaign in regional business press to support local Festival Sponsorship activities	All Partnership Managers are required to raise £2m sponsorship for Festival activities			Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
Sept/Oct.				Adverts in <i>House Magazine</i> - 3 party conference editions				Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
ongoing				Regional media days at Dome		Regional Media		Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223

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1/10/98	Blackpool, Labour Party Conference	12.45		NMEC Annual reception for Labour party delegates	Peter Mandelson and Jennie Page to speak			Gez Sagar NMEC 0171 808 8303
1/10/98	Leeds	18.00 - 20.00	Raleigh International Millennium Award scheme (MC grant £1.9m) 360 young people from 3 UK cities experience the challenge of working together on a series of community and environ. projects in their home cities and in developing countries overseas	Event to mark the end of the scheme in Leeds	Jane Saunders and Meg Cunningham from the MC will be attending.	The MC is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. TA: National, regional and specialist media and the general public.	Raleigh International Press Office and the MC Press Office	Judith Moore or Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
1/10/98				What will they think of next? Granada				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
1/10/98	Aberfeldy, East London (Multi site)	tbc	Millennium Greens (MC Grant of £10 m) – project will create 250 'breathing spaces' known as Millennium Greens throughout England.	2nd birthday. The Aberfeldy area community will be helping to start work on the hand-printed tiles for the amphitheatre	The Pearly King and Queen for the Isle of Dogs will be there. Ellen Dempster and Graham Savage from the MC will be attending	The MC is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in the Millennium Greens project. TA: National, regional and specialist (environmental media and the general public)	Mill. Greens Press Office and MC Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill. Comm. 0171 880 2007

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2/10/98	Enniskillen, Northern Ireland	11.00	Sustainable Communities Millennium Awards Scheme (MC Grant of £630k) – awards throughout NI raising awareness of threats current lifestyles pose to the environment	Launch of 2 nd round	All those involved in the scheme. Lord Glentoran may be attending (tbc) Dawn Conde from the MC will be attending	The MC is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'. TA: Regional media and the general public	Sustainable Communities Press Office and the MC Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore or Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
2/10/98	Glasgow	tbc	BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) Millennium Award Scheme (MC Grant of £3m) – awards to enhance and develop leadership skills and broaden understanding of environmental skills and conservation issues	Event to publicise scheme	M&S, one of the funders of the scheme will be at the event and providing the venue	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA: Regional and specialist (education) media and the general public	BTCV Millennium Award Scheme Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
2/10/98				Media opp. at Circus Space tbc	Mark Fisher to introduce chosen dome trainees		Press invited	Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
4/10/98	St Barnabus Church, Ealing	Setting is at 11.30	St. Barnabus Church Hall (MC Grant of £425,357) – replacing the existing temporary hall with a new hall	Corner Stone Setting	The local MP and the Mayor will be attending	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the new church hall TA: Local media and the general public	St Barnabus Church Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

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5/10/98	Greenwich	14.00 - 16.00	CAFOD	Event to celebrate 16 Award winners starting their Award overseas	Would like celebrity to attend	MC £245k. The scheme will enable teachers, youth leaders and parish activists in England and Wales to experience first hand development work in Third World countries such as Philippines, Brazil and Kenya. On their return they will share their experience with their own communities. TA - regional.	Award Partner	Judith Moore Mill Comm 0171 880 2092
5/10/98	The Copthorne Manchester Hotel, Salford Quays, Manchester	12 for 12.30 - 14.00	Lowry Centre (MC grant of £15.65m) - waterfront complex in Salford to include 2 theatres and a gallery.	Media briefing day	tbc	The MC is investing in education by investing lottery money into the Lowry Centre TA: National and regional media, specialist medial (arts, education) and the general public	The Lowry Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
poss. 6/10/98	tbc	tbc	NMEC Learning Agenda	Launch of Company's education package; possible link with TESCO SchoolNet	Mr Blunkett's involvement sought	Possible involvement for SoS DfEE		Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
6/10/98	B'mouth			Tory Conference Reception				
8/10/98				What Will They Think of Next? Granada				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314

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8/10/98	Wilson Bowden Solicitors, Ibstock, Leicester	12.30 – 14.00	National Forest millennium Discovery Centre (MC Grant of £6,229,000) – the discovery centre will focus on education and demo of the innovative uses of wood and wood technology.	Signing	Joseph James form the MC will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Discovery Centre. TA – National and regional press, specialist media and general public	The Discovery Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
10/10/98	Venture Centre 2000, Lawford, Essex	12.00 - 16.00	Venture Centre 2000 (MC Grant of £270k) – a new scouting HQ and community centre.	Opening of centre – family fun day	They are hoping to get a local celebrity to attend Ray Anderson from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money into the local community centre TA: Local medial and the general public	The Venture Centre 2000 Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
11/10/98	Dome	06.30		BT Launch	content announcement	to be determined	to be determined	BT/NMEC
12/10/98	London			Women of the Year Assembly	Jennie Page to speak			Deborah Oliver NMEC 0171 808 8325
14/10/98	Los Angeles			US Trade launch				BTA
poss. 15/10/98			Intel 3D Dome	Go live on website	Virtual reality Dome on NMEC website		Press notice	Janet Hare NMEC 0171 808 8319
15/10/98	Paris			European Consumer launch				E. Boyden BTA/ 0171 808 8257

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Mid Oct.				Youth Council meeting				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
15/10/98	London	tbc	British Council Youth Mill. Awards (MC grant of £2.1m) - the scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience which will be of direct benefit to their local communities.	Launch of scheme/ reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK.	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – National and regional media and the general public	The British Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
18/10/98				Poss. Manpower event	tbc			
21/10/98	London			4th Media Forum				
29/10/98	Sheffield		"Made in Sheffield"	Dinner	Janet Anderson to speak			Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 3656
undated Oct.			Central show	Training begins				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314 Gabrielle Owtram NMEC 0171 808 8226
undated Oct.				Regional Editors Day	Invite all regional News organisations to send someone to Dome			

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undated Oct.	Site			Possible O/B on Jazz FM including several live interviews				Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
undated Oct.				Possible O/B from site on Jazz FM including several live interviews			Jazz FM	Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
undated Oct.				Festival round up release	Number of applications received when next stage begins			Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
undated Oct.	tba		Millennium Awards Fellowship	Launch		Launch of Millennium awards fellowship Poss. PM or SoS appearance		Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2090
undated Oct.	London	tbc	British Council Youth Millennium Awards	Launch of scheme / reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK	MC grant £2.1m. The scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience which will be of direct benefit to their local communities. TA - national and regional	Award partner	
Oct/Nov.				Consumer campaign around M&S in-store promos				

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1/11/98	Floodlighting St. Nicholas Church, Sutton, Surrey	18.30	Church Floodlighting (MC grant of £8017.25) - an umbrella project to floodlight 400 churches	Floodlighting the church Jim Briscoe from the MC will be attending	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the country. TA: National, Regional and specialist media and the general public	Church Floodlighting Press office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise		Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
6/11/98	Clonoe Community Centre, Coalisland, NI	tbc	Clonoe Community Centre (MC Grant of £613,000) - this project will provide a high quality, multi-purpose facility for all age groups in a remote area.	Official Opening Kevin Burke from the MC	tbc	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing money in the Clonoe Community Centre. TA: Local media	Clonoe Community Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98 -15/11/98	Manchester			APMEA Launch	Travel Trade			BTA

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17/11/98	Ashton Centre, Belfast	tbc	New Start Millennium Award Scheme (MC Grant of £380,000) – the awards will offer a new opportunity for local people to play an active part in the developing their own community.	Launch of the awards	tbc	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – Regional and national media	The New Start Millennium Award Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
17/11/98	Banqueting Hall			LTB Launch and poss. <i>String of Pearls</i>				E. Boyden LTB 0171 808 8257
21/11/98	Lottery Live (TV)	19.50	Mobile Millennium unit MC investing lots of money throughout the UK.	Launch of unit	Chris Smith MP	TA: Regional and National media and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
Poss. 23/11/98	Poss. British Museum, London	a.m. (mid)	Mobile Millennium unit – truck event. Millennium Commission investing lots of money throughout the UK including London	1 st event		TA: National media and Trade Press and the general public	Millennium Commission Press Office	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
26/11/98				400 days to go				
undated Nov.				Millennium Treasures Launch	No sponsor			tbc
undated Nov.				World Travel Market Press Brief				

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undated Nov.				Thames Gateway Conference	SoS DTI & Jennie Page to Speak (tbc)			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
undated Nov.				5th Media Forum				
undated Nov.	tba	tba	Mobile Mill. Unit	Launch of travelling exhibition	23 city tour to promote work of Mill. Comm.	To enhance public awareness of Mill. Comm. projects around UK	tba	Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2090
undated Nov/Dec.				Millennium Commission poster campaign	Launch of poster campaign on award schemes			
A date in the second two weeks in Nov. is tbc	Symposium Hall, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh (tbc)	10.30 - 14.00 (tbc)	SCRAN Scottish Cultural Rural Access Network (MC Grant of £7,474,200) – multi media project which will present Scotland's cultural resources in an affordable and accessible way to schools, colleges, libraries throughout Scotland.	'Switching On' of system.	Lord Dalkeith to attend. There will be a live video link up with two classes of school children in the Shetlands.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education by investing lottery money in Scotland and supporting this project. TA: Regional and National media. Specialist media (education) and general public	SCRAN Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
2/12/98				CBI West Midlands Regions - Senior Executive Lunch				

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5/12/98	tbc	tbc	Save The Children (MC Grant of £1.2 million) – 72 awards to young people aged 16 – 20 throughout the UK.	tbc	The Princess Royal	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'	Save The Children Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
10/12/98				Poss. Sky News Forum				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
11/12/98				Marketing Society Xmas Lunch	Jennie speaking			
19/12/98				Blind Date	Provisional			Fay Osborn
31/12/98				Poss. involvement with Greenwich and Docklands Festival				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
undated Dec.				6th Media Forum				
undated Dec.				Economic Impact Assessment Report	Greenwich Council, English Partnerships and NMEC			Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
Dec/Jan				Announcement of Festival Grants Awards				
Dec/Jan				TV & Outdoor Advertising starts				Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320
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30/1/99	Great Baddow, Essex	tbc	Great Baddow Community Centre (MC Grant of £233,825) - project to part replace and enlarge an existing community centre in a large suburban parish which will be able to utilise a larger community hall.	Opening	tbc	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Baddow Community Centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Great Baddow Community Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
undated Jan.				7th Media Forum				
undated Jan.				PR re-launch of trade ticket sales				
undated Jan.				Travel recruitment & travelling stories for trade press				
6/3/99				300 days to go				
undated Feb.				8th Media Forum				
undated March				9th Media Forum				
undated April				Jubilee Line Trains run (tbc)				
undated April				10th Media Forum				

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undated April				Thames Gateway Conference at London Arena				Andrew Parry GVC 0181 293 8600
19/5/99	Brancaster Mill Centre - Norfolk (Millennium Activity Centre)	tbc	Brancaster Mill Centre in Norfolk (MC Grant of £370k) – a residential activity centre to be used by people of all ages and backgrounds involved in conservation and stewardship work:	Opening ceremony	Graham Savage, Director of Corporate Services will attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in this residential activity centre. TA: Regional media and the general public	Brancaster Mill Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated May				11th Media Forum				
14/6/99				200 days to go				
undated June				12th Media Forum				
undated June				Travel Trade trip to New Mill. Pier				
June/July				TV and Outdoor	2nd Phase tbc			Ruth Wicks NMEC 0171 808 8320
undated July				Tickets go on sale				
undated July				13th Media Forum				
undated August				14th Media Forum				
undated August				Meridian point complete				

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22/9/99				100 days to go				
undated Sept.				2nd Granada series begins				
undated Oct.				Party Conference receptions				
undated Dec.				Travel Trade previews				
undated Dec.				Consumer previews				
Late 1999				South Bank Show on the Central Show				
undated 1999	Meanwood Valley Farm, Leeds	tbc	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, Leeds (MC Grant of £175,000) – project to develop an environmental centre designed as a local visitor attraction in an inner city area	Opening	Invited Prince Charles	The Millennium Commission are encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in this environmental centre TA: Regional media and the general public	Meanwood Valley Urban Farm Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
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undated Jan. 2000				Multi-part documentary series about project begins	BBC			

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MILLENNIUM COMMISSION INVESTS £5.6 MILLION IN NEW AWARD SCHEMES BEFITING 1500 PEOPLE

The Millennium Commission made a further investment in 'ordinary people' today (Monday 21st September 1998), with the announcement of five new Millennium Award schemes.

With an injection of £5.5m, the new Award schemes will bring Lottery money direct to 1,500 individuals across the UK to enable them to put their own bright ideas into action to fulfil a personal goal and in doing so, benefit their communities.

Two of the new schemes will target people with disabilities. The others will focus on recording local history using information technology, the environment and the capacity building of volunteers. The money will be distributed through five grant-making organisations who will become Millennium Award Partners and identify the individuals who receive Millennium Awards.

Rt.Hon Chris Smith MP, Chairman of the Millennium Commission said, "I am delighted that we are again seeing excellent organisations taking up the challenge to come up with innovative and exciting ideas for Millennium Award schemes. Through these schemes the Millennium Commission is investing in the grass roots of society where people have the energy, passion and commitment to make a difference where it matters most – in their community. These latest schemes will enable the Millennium Commission, and their vision for the future, to reach an even greater number of individuals."

The 5 new organisations will join the 34 current UK charities and voluntary organisations who are already running schemes in partnership with the Millennium Commission. These cover a wide variety of themes including civic pride, science, health, faith and the linking of generations. In total 16,500 individuals will benefit from these 39 schemes. By the year 2000 there will be 100 Millennium Awards schemes benefiting 40,000 people across the UK.

Erica Roberts, Director of the Millennium Awards scheme at the Millennium Commission said, "The Millennium Awards scheme is an excellent example of how Lottery money can be used to directly benefit people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Already, nearly 3000 people have received a Millennium Award and are working on a series of exciting and challenging projects across the UK. These range from converting an old pub garden into a garden for the local youth club, setting up a befriending scheme for people with impaired vision. All the Award winners mirror the dedication and enthusiasm which continues to gain momentum as we approach the new millennium."

The new Partners are:

Mencap Millennium Awards

Mencap is offering 450 Awards to assist people with a learning disability to achieve their aspirations by giving them a voice in matters affecting their lives. There are 1.2 million adults with a learning disability in the UK. Through training and intensive one to one support on a weekly basis from a professional workers, individuals will be better equipped to represent their own views and those of others with learning disabilities within the voluntary and statutory organisations that serve them and the wider community. Each Award will be for a one year period and every Award winner will have the opportunity to attend two residential conferences to help build their personal and professional networks.

Commission Grant £1.9 million

Help the Hospices Millennium Awards

Commission Grant £1.5 million

This is a UK wide scheme which offers 400 people who are already involved in, or wish to become involved in, volunteering in any sphere of the hospice movement a unique opportunity to develop new skills which will enable them to initiate projects which will enhance the quality of life for terminally ill people and their families. There are 220 inpatient hospices in UK, the majority of these are independent. Examples of activities include play projects for siblings, the production of a newsletter, comics and information leaflets, developing display centres and setting up home carer support projects. Special emphasis will be placed on attracting new volunteers.

Groundwork Millennium Awards

Commission Grant: £1 million

The scheme offers 300 Awards to enable individuals to gain the skills required for sustaining community involvement in environmental improvement projects. Adults in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, who are already involved in environmental or conservation activity, will receive practical skills training within a framework of close support provided through the use of personal mentors. Targeted skills areas range from practical work on walling and structures, woodlands and meadows to organisational and networking skills including fundraising, project management, DTP. The scheme has been designed to be flexible to accommodate people who are working and those with children.

The Open University & The Living Archive Millennium Awards Commission Grant: £0.7million

The scheme will encourage and enable parents of schoolchildren to gain new skills in information technology through research of local history, and to share their findings with schools and the wider community. 300 parents of children at schools within a 30-mile radius of Milton Keynes will have an opportunity to come together in groups to work on a local community history project. They will receive training in IT skills such as the use of multi-media and data presentation. Following the collection of historical evidence, Award winners will select and edit material for use in a multi-media presentation to the community. In addition, there will be a lasting archive of material for use in local schools, museums and libraries.

Deafblind UK Millennium Awards - *Can't See, Can't Hear- CAN DO!* Commission Grant: £0.5million

A UK wide scheme which will empower deafblind people to pursue community projects that will improve life for themselves and for other deafblind people in the UK. The scheme will offer 50 people with significant loss to both sight and hearing the tools and confidence to communicate both their own, and other deafblind peoples' views. Award winners will have access to enabling equipment which will give them the freedom to find out information for themselves without being reliant on others. Applicants will have to demonstrate clearly defined aims and goals of their projects which will be of benefit to others in the deafblind community. The sorts of activities that Award winners may get involved in include providing an information service for the community, working to improve access to community facilities for deafblind people and supporting others who may feel less positive about their disability.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Millennium Commission was established under the National Lottery etc Act 1993. It receives 20% of the net proceeds of the Lottery.
2. Millennium Awards are made to individuals through existing grant making organisations who will work in partnership with the Commission by running an Award schemes under the headline theme of *You and Your Community*.

3. The Millennium Commission will provide up to £20 million per year up to the year 2000 for the Millennium Awards scheme and intends to reserve at least £100 million by 2001 to provide a permanent interest earning fund so that Millennium Awards can continue to be made well into the twenty first century.
2. The Millennium Commission has so far supported 189 capital projects on nearly 3000 sites to a total of £1,263 million.
4. The Commission is also supporting a Millennium Festival of events throughout the UK in the year 2000 and the New Millennium Experience at Greenwich. Local community groups are invited to apply for funds for the Millennium Festival on 0870 600 2000

Notice to Picture Desks

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THE MILLENNIUM: A PROGRESS REPORT

Millennium Commission

The Pondlife Centre in Liverpool has withdrawn its application for grant of £1.9m following the departure of one its major backers. This has not yet been made public.

Millennium Experience

Dome Content

2 The complex negotiations over the siting and structure of Baby Dome are now complete. It will consist of two 2,500 seat auditoria which can be turned into a 3,000 seat theatre with a 20 x 20 metre stage. This will allow for real flexibility in the use of Baby Dome. David Trench is going to oversee its construction.

Sponsorship

3 We have arranged for Michael Heseltine to receive a presentation on sponsorship from the Company next week so that he is up-to-date after the summer break.

Legacy

4 We have received the DPM's response to the recent flurry of correspondence about legacy. Jennie Page is writing to SoSTI in the wake of discussions within the Company about legacy. In the meantime we are working closely with DETR to develop a sensible structure for the competition. It is important to keep the momentum up on this issue given the number of parties involved and the complexity of some of the issues.

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Jubilee Line

5 LT announced today that Bechtel would be overseeing the completion of the JLE.

National Programme

6 We are still trying to get a date for David Blunkett to launch the Learning Experience and Schoolnet 2000 in October.

Millennium Festival

7 The closing date for applications to the Festival Fund is next Wednesday. There is bound to be a late rush of applicants, but we are probably looking at around 5,000 applications in all, which should boil down to about 2,000 projects/events around the country in 2000. NMEC are hoping to have an initial analysis of the applications received by mid-October. Arrangements are being made for the second, small grants, round of applications to the Festival Fund.

First Weekend

8 The commitment of £10,000 by DCMS to NMEC's work on the details of a river event has been helpful in pushing work ahead on this front. We are meeting Jennie Page, the Royal Household and others this afternoon to discuss this, and the Dome opening in greater detail. Submissions on the Millennium Resolution and proposals for a multi-faith event will be put to Ministers next week.

International issues

9 We have been working closely with the White House Millennium Council and the Embassy in Washington to prepare for the lunch to discuss the agenda for the next meeting of the Rome Group in November.

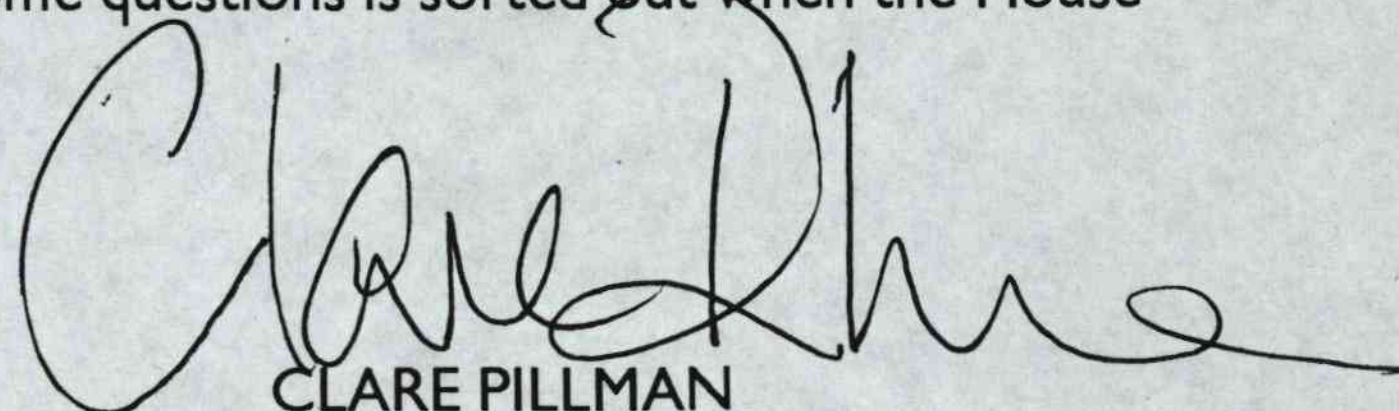
Parliamentary business

The Select Committee

10 We aim to submit the first draft of the response to the Select Committee to Ministers in the week after the Party Conference.

PQs and debates

11 We need to ensure that the timing of Dome questions is sorted out when the House returns for the "rump" in October.



CLARE PILLMAN



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From the Assistant Private Secretary

25 September 1998

Dear Sir Geoff,

MILLENNIUM LECTURES

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The preliminary ideas for subjects for the series include Work in the 21st Century; Science; Wealth Creation; Education; Arts and Culture; and Britishness. They would like speakers to be people with a vision of the challenges which their chosen area will be facing in the next Millennium, and thoughts on how to overcome them.

You have been suggested as a possible speaker for the lecture on Education, which we would expect to take place in summer. The focus of the talk would be for you to determine, but it may be easiest for you to give us a one page sketch of what you would like to cover. We could then come back to you with any comments.

I hope that you will be able to respond positively to this invitation, and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Vanessa Burgess

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I hope that you will be able to respond positively to this invitation, and look forward to hearing from you.

*Yours sincerely,
Vanessa Burgess*

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Professor Jonathan Gershuny

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You have been suggested as a possible speaker for the lecture on Arts and Culture, which we would expect to take place in early autumn. The focus of the talk would be for you to determine, but it may be easiest for you to give us a one page sketch of what you would like to cover. We could then come back to you with any comments.

I hope that you will be able to respond positively to this invitation, and look forward to hearing from you.

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You have been suggested as a possible speaker for the lecture on Britishness, which we would expect to take place in winter. The focus of the talk would be for you to determine, but it may be easiest for you to give us a one page sketch of what you would like to cover. We could then come back to you with any comments.

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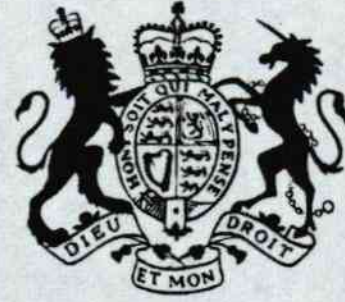
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From the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff

23 September 1998

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter of 11 September.

The Prime Minister had in mind a more specific task for Michael Levy, namely, raising money from individual private donors who might want to contribute to the Dome. He did not think it would be particularly appropriate to make him a member of the executive committee of the NMEC.

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JONATHAN POWELL

The Right Honourable Peter Mandelson, M.P.

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18 September 1998

Dear John,

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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LEGACY OPTIONS FOR THE MILLENNIUM DOME AND ITS SITE ON THE GREENWICH PENINSULA

Thank you for copying me your letter of 21 August to Peter Mandelson.

Like you, I welcome the speedy and thorough way in which the Working Group have approached their task. I think their report represents an excellent basis on which to proceed with making a decision about how to handle the legacy of the Millennium Experience at Greenwich and I support its conclusions. While, given our aim to ensure that the Millennium celebrations and their legacy embrace the whole of the UK, it would in some ways have been good to leave open the possibility that the Dome could have acted as a catalyst for regeneration elsewhere in the UK, on balance I agree with you that it would be sensible to confine the competition to bids for the Dome at Greenwich.

There are two further points I should add wearing my hat as Chairman of the Millennium Commission. One concerns the Commission's financial interests in NMEC's future and the other is about its wider objectives.

On finance, you will know that the Commission has awarded grant of up to £449m (gross) to NMEC. The terms and conditions of that grant require that NMEC should return to the Commission (or any successor body) any financial surplus the Company generates from trading or asset disposals during its operation period. This requirement will apply as long as NMEC exists, but would fall away once £449m (plus interest) has been repaid. Moreover, NMEC needs the Commission's consent to dispose of any asset. Presently, it is the Commission's policy to enforce the grant conditions in full.

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Having said that, one of the Commission's main criteria for deciding to site the National Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich was the lasting regeneration it would bring to the peninsula as a whole. That regeneration legacy was regarded as a key Millennium output in itself, justifying - in part - the award of our single largest grant. The Commission can therefore be expected to consider openly and sympathetically any proposal to disapply its grant conditions on NMEC beyond the short term, if, to do so was essential to sustain the future use of the Dome at Greenwich and thereby assist lasting regeneration of the peninsula. To ensure that work in this area develops smoothly the Commission's officials are already represented on the Legacy Working Group and would need to be kept fully briefed as discussions progress between English Partnerships and NMEC about future commercial structures.

> I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

Yours ever
Chris

CHRIS SMITH

Richard

Jeremy Heywood. I agree let us see how Mr Prescott reacts. AH. 21/9

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From: Andrew Campbell
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cc Willy Rickett
Liz Hutchinson

THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE (THE DOME): LEGACY

1. I am not sure whether Sir Richard has seen the attached letter from Peter Mandelson to John Prescott, in which he floats the idea of bringing the Dome legacy 'within the Cabinet Committee structure.'
2. The view of officials in DETR is that the issues around the Dome and the legacy are largely technical at this stage (such as land sales) and do not give rise to issues which need to be addressed collectively. Although they accept that, down the track, this might change and that consideration might need to be given to the issue of the legacy by HS Ministers, in correspondence or at a meeting, they are advising Mr Prescott not to pick up Mr Mandelson's suggestion.
3. Unless Sir Richard disagrees, I would have thought that the correspondence can take its course, and that issues around the Dome legacy should be played into HS as the need arises.

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ANDREW CAMPBELL

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cc: As before

I agree that a Cabinet Committee is probably not necessary, but there is more to this than meets the eye. DETR are trying to retain control of the legacy review, having never been keen on it in the first place. Mandelson wants to get NMEC involved on the basis that EP officials are never going to be the right people to "sell the Dome." I have discussed this with him and agreed that he should continue to try to resolve with the DPM, but I expect that he will minute PM shortly, probably privately.

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9 September 1998

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THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE (THE DOME): LE

Thank you for your letter of 21 August enclosing a copy of the Legacy Working Group's report and seeking my views on a number of issues about scope, timing and handling of a legacy competition for the Dome and its site at Greenwich.

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I was pleased that the Group was able to produce a full report by the end of July, rather than the preliminary report originally envisaged. As you know from my letter of 11 May, identifying a clear strategy and timetable for the long term use of the site and the Dome is a matter of urgency for the New Millennium Experience Company (NMEC) and it is encouraging that the Working Group's proposals provide a framework and an indicative timetable which recognises the need for early action.

I understand that you had a meeting with Jennie Page last month at which you touched on Dome legacy issues and helpfully signalled your support for English Partnerships (EP) and the NMEC (as owners of the site and the Dome respectively) working together jointly to ensure a legacy solution which optimised the prospects for receiving the profitable and exciting proposals we want to achieve.

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Turning to the specific issues in your letter, I wholly agree that the proposed competition should be restricted to seeking to find a new use for the Dome on the Greenwich site and that we should aim to launch the competition before the turn of the year. While I recognise the Working Group's concerns that this removes the option of using the Dome as a catalyst for regeneration elsewhere in the country, I believe the merits of a Greenwich-only competition outweigh any potential disadvantage of this type and will give the market the certainty it needs about our objectives.

As regards working up options for the competition brief, I suggest that we should task EP and the NMEC direct, in the first instance, to work jointly to produce option proposals which identify the acreage around the Dome which might be included; the optimal way in which to package the land and property interests so as to achieve the best return for the public purse; and the opportunities for a public/private partnership legacy solution which could involve perhaps part sale of the NMEC. The options produced by EP and the NMEC could then be considered by the Working Group to ensure that Departmental interests were properly taken into account before submission to Ministers by the end of your suggested deadline (October).

I also agree that the attitude of Greenwich Council will be critical to our success. As you say, they are on record as wishing to see the Dome remain on the site although they have proper and understandable concerns about ongoing regeneration benefits (especially jobs) and access - both of which are important to us too. Greenwich have also been concerned that they have not been included, formally, in our considerations and discussions about legacy. Consequently, I support your suggestion that you might take early, informal soundings from the Leader (Councillor Len Duvall, who is a Board member of the NMEC) although I do not think, at this stage, that we ought to offer the prospect of a place on the Working Group or other formal involvement in our policy processes. In any event, Greenwich themselves will want to ensure that they do not compromise their Planning Authority responsibilities through any such involvement.

Finally, I note that the Working Group considers that it should continue in existence to co-ordinate Departments' interests in the disposal process and to advise Ministers.



Whilst the Group has done a sterling job in providing the framework for a successful legacy outcome, I wonder whether we might consider bringing the matter within the Cabinet Committee structure given the growing importance of the Dome as a national landmark. Alternatively, given that there will be a need for an ongoing advisory body, it might be worth elevating the working group's status perhaps to include all the relevant accounting officers and representatives from the Boards of EP and NMEC.

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I am grateful to you for your positive approach both to the Millennium Experience project and to the legacy issue. I look forward to discussing the issues further when we have heard back from the Working Group in October.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

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From: Jonathan Powell
Date: 15 September 1998

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Alastair Campbell
Angus Lapsley
James Purnell

MILLENNIUM

I attach a note from Peter Mandelson proposing that Michael Levy should join the Executive Committee of the NMEC. Do you really want this to happen? I am afraid it would give rise to stories about cronyism. I would have thought it was sufficient just to ask him to do some fundraising. Do you agree?



JONATHAN POWELL

The Rt Hon Peter Mandelson MP
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11 September 1998

Mr Jonathan,

I have been giving some thought to whether it might be appropriate to appoint someone to be my eyes and ears in the New Millennium Experience Company when I am otherwise engaged. At my recent meeting with him, the Prime Minister also suggested that we might ask Michael Levy to supplement the sponsorship and fund-raising effort.

You may also be aware that concern has been expressed by my Permanent Secretary, Michael Scholar, about the perception that I have been closely involved in fund-raising for the Dome, and the implications that this perception has for my responsibilities for issues such as competition decisions. He has suggested that a symbolic distancing of myself from fund-raising might help, although I did little if any of this before.

I have therefore been considering whether we could draw these two issues together, by asking whoever we identify to play a part in fund-raising - and this could be Michael Levy - to join the Executive Committee of NMEC. I am conscious that there may be resistance to the appointment of another outsider from the existing members of the Executive Committee, but I am sure this can be overcome.

I would be grateful for your views.

P Mandelson

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To: All on the MISC4(O) contact list

Dear Colleague

NEXT MEETING OF THE MISC4 OFFICIALS GROUP

I am writing to confirm that the next meeting of MISC4(O) will take place on Wednesday 16 September at 3:00 pm in room 68/4 in the Cabinet Office building on Horse Guards Road (and not at 70 Whitehall). Please use the Parkside Entrance when you arrive.

I enclose a revised agenda together with a copy of the draft MISC4 paper on the Insurance Industry which will be discussed at the meeting. You should already have received a copy of the final statement on the results of the latest quarterly review and a copy of the Millennium Bug communications strategy.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Yours
Kristian*

Kristian Armstrong
Year 2000 Team
GTN 238 0373

MISC4(O) MEETING: 3:00 PM WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

The meeting will take place in Room 68/4, Cabinet Office, Horse Guards Road

Agenda

1. The insurance sector - draft MISC4 paper
2. Feedback from the latest quarterly review
3. Up-date on the Action 2000 Public Confidence Programme
4. Up-date on the Communications strategy
5. Feed back from the discussion of the Year 2000 problem at the Permanent Secretaries' meeting on 2 September
6. The state of progress in local government
7. An up-date on the "Bug Busters" programme
8. Future work programme for MISC4

FROM THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

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LICENSING HOURS: MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

Thank you for your letter of 15 July seeking agreement to consult on your proposal to introduce by the means of a deregulation order, a relaxation of the licensing hours on an annual basis every new year. I have also seen your letter of 10 August.

You explained that the licensed trade and the licensing authorities had proposed a one-off 12 hour relaxation in licensing hours for the Millennium holiday. However, this would not represent the lifting of a burden on a permanent basis, which was fundamental to the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994. You proposed, therefore, a deregulation order giving a 5 hour relaxation on an annual basis every new year. Although there could be concerns about the potential for increased noise and nuisance during the period of relaxation, these aspects would be explored in any public consultation.

In reply, a number of colleagues, while content with the proposal for an extension, suggested that a longer relaxation would be appropriate for such a significant event as the Millennium. In your letter of 10 August, you explained that you did not think that a one-off extension of 12 hours, which would need primary legislation, was feasible given the pressures on the legislative programme; a Private Member's Bill could not be relied upon. The Deregulation and Contracting Out route could, however, be used if the relaxation were to be an annual new year event. In the light of colleagues' views, and in order to ensure clarity, your preference was for the Government to consult on the option of a 12 hour extension alone.

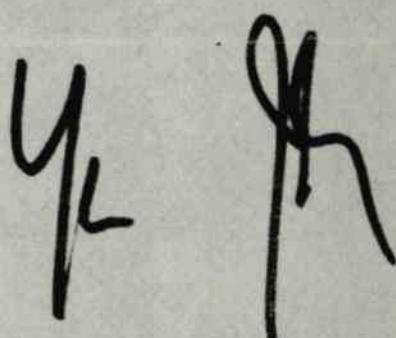
Frank Dobson, Chris Smith, Nick Brown, Henry McLeish, Peter Kilfoyle, John McFall, and Jon Owen Jones commented. All were content, although Henry said that he did not propose similar action in Scotland, given the existing discretion of local authority licensing boards to grant regular extensions taking account of local circumstances. Frank noted the need to take careful account of the views expressed during consultation, and his department's concern to ensure that any extension to normal licensing hours would not significantly encourage irresponsible alcohol consumption. Peter suggested that consultation should take place on both the options that had

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been considered in correspondence. You said that you would be content with this, subject to the Prime Minister's agreement, which his private secretary's letter of 7 September confirmed.

No other colleague commented and you may take it, therefore, that you have agreement to going out to consultation on both the options of a 12 hour extension and of an extension to 4.00 am on an annual basis.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of HS and LEG, and to Sir Richard Wilson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'P' followed by a flourish.

JOHN PRESCOTT

T: Hon Peter Mandelson MP
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Jan David,

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: CHILDREN'S PROMISE

Thank you for copying me your letter of 11 August to Jack Cunningham about the Children's Promise. I am responding since, as sole shareholder for the New Millennium Experience Company (NMEC), I remain accountable to Parliament for the Millennium Experience, including its national programme of which the Children's Promise is part.

I welcome your enthusiasm for this wonderful initiative. I, too, share your desire that the Company make the most of this unique opportunity and am pleased to see that there is synergy between your thinking and that of the scheme's organisers.

First, I agree completely that the funds should not simply go to supplement the general fund's of the participating children's charities. I am pleased that the NMEC has insisted that all the monies raised should be used to fund specific new works. Proposals for these projects will include fully costed business plans which illustrate the need for, and distinctiveness of, the project as well as demonstrating the geographical spread across the country. These business plans will be available for scrutiny, if required. It is intended that the work of the Children's Promise should complement the activities of the 5 charities spearheading the initiative. Scope for complementary involvement with events such as Children in Need and Comic Relief is also being explored.



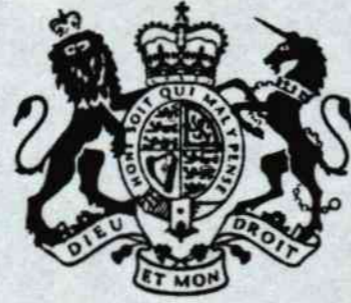
Secondly, as you have rightly identified, one of the key criteria for the initiative is that funds should be targeted at those children in most need, to make a real and lasting difference. This will be achieved through the funding of projects, in areas such as those you have highlighted, which might not otherwise happen.

Finally, you are right that we should clarify the nature of the Government's involvement in the initiative. Whilst the group of charities, Marks and Spencer and the NMEC are clearly in the lead, we need to be proactive in our support and encouragement of the initiative - as, indeed, the Prime Minister was when he launched Children's Promise in June - both as salaried individuals who participate and also in terms of persuading key opinion formers and influencers to adopt the scheme and help ensure that the NMEC reaches its goal of raising the money ever from a single fund-raising event.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

*Notes, also, for agency to launch the
June Schoolnet 2000 programme.*

*M,
John*



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From the Private Secretary

10 September 1998

Dear John,

FIRST ORDER QUESTIONS: MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE

Thank you for copying me your letter of 4 September to Robin Young. I am sorry that I did not pick up on your earlier note on this – my fault entirely.

I am sure that you are right that it would be odd for the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to carry on answering Dome questions as part of DCMS's questions. However, I am less certain that the right answer is for him to do it as part of DTI questions. This is for two reasons:

- as he will presumably be the only DTI Minister to answer questions on the Dome, if there are several on the order paper, this will constrain the number of pure DTI questions he can field personally;
- given the media interest in the scope for conflicts of interest between the Secretary of State's responsibilities for the Dome and for competition issues, combining the two would provide endless opportunities for questioners to ask about both responsibilities at the same time and demand clarification about which capacity the Secretary of State was answering in at any time.

Neither of these are knock-out considerations, but I think they point towards a separate slot for Dome questions, perhaps at the end of DTI questions.

JK

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours, James Purnell and Jeremy Heywood.

Yours,

Angus

ANGUS LAPSLEY

John Elvidge Esq,
Cabinet Office

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Kate Garvey
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From: Angus Lapsley
Date: 10 September 1998

Ben Coates, DTI

cc: James Purnell
Jenny Pillman, DCMS
Peter Hyman
Jennie Page, NMEC

DOME UPDATE

As you know, both the Prime Minister and your Secretary of State are keen to have a Dome round up as soon as possible. I think Bob Ayling has also raised it with the Prime Minister.

Try as we might, a date before the Party Conference is not on, though we will aim for as early a date after that as possible. I also hope to give you the Prime Minister's thoughts on the DETR legacy paper early next week. However, I think it might be helpful if we had an internal official level round up (perhaps copy recipients) in the next week or so, not least so that we can establish what we want out of the session with the Prime Minister.

Kay Knipe from the garden rooms will be in touch to set something up.

Angus.

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In Tom,

THE MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE (THE DOME): LEGACY

Thank you for your letter of 21 August enclosing a copy of the Legacy Working Group's report and seeking my views on a number of issues about scope, timing and handling of a legacy competition for the Dome and its site at Greenwich.

I was pleased that the Group was able to produce a full report by the end of July, rather than the preliminary report originally envisaged. As you know from my letter of 11 May, identifying a clear strategy and timetable for the long term use of the site and the Dome is a matter of urgency for the New Millennium Experience Company (NMEC) and it is encouraging that the Working Group's proposals provide a framework and an indicative timetable which recognises the need for early action.

I understand that you had a meeting with Jennie Page last month at which you touched on Dome legacy issues and helpfully signalled your support for English Partnerships (EP) and the NMEC (as owners of the site and the Dome respectively) working together jointly to ensure a legacy solution which optimised the prospects for receiving the profitable and exciting proposals we want to achieve.

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Turning to the specific issues in your letter, I wholly agree that the proposed competition should be restricted to seeking to find a new use for the Dome on the Greenwich site and that we should aim to launch the competition before the turn of the year. While I recognise the Working Group's concerns that this removes the option of using the Dome as a catalyst for regeneration elsewhere in the country, I believe the merits of a Greenwich-only competition outweigh any potential disadvantage of this type and will give the market the certainty it needs about our objectives.

As regards working up options for the competition brief, I suggest that we should task EP and the NMEC direct, in the first instance, to work jointly to produce option proposals which identify the acreage around the Dome which might be included; the optimal way in which to package the land and property interests so as to achieve the best return for the public purse; and the opportunities for a public/private partnership legacy solution which could involve perhaps part sale of the NMEC. The options produced by EP and the NMEC could then be considered by the Working Group to ensure that Departmental interests were properly taken into account before submission to Ministers by the end of your suggested deadline (October).

I also agree that the attitude of Greenwich Council will be critical to our success. As you say, they are on record as wishing to see the Dome remain on the site although they have proper and understandable concerns about ongoing regeneration benefits (especially jobs) and access - both of which are important to us too. Greenwich have also been concerned that they have not been included, formally, in our considerations and discussions about legacy. Consequently, I support your suggestion that you might take early, informal soundings from the Leader (Councillor Len Duvall, who is a Board member of the NMEC) although I do not think, at this stage, that we ought to offer the prospect of a place on the Working Group or other formal involvement in our policy processes. In any event, Greenwich themselves will want to ensure that they do not compromise their Planning Authority responsibilities through any such involvement.

Finally, I note that the Working Group considers that it should continue in existence to co-ordinate Departments' interests in the disposal process and to advise Ministers.

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Whilst the Group has done a sterling job in providing the framework for a successful legacy outcome, I wonder whether we might consider bringing the matter within the Cabinet Committee structure given the growing importance of the Dome as a national landmark. Alternatively, given that there will be a need for an ongoing advisory body, it might be worth elevating the working group's status perhaps to include all the relevant accounting officers and representatives from the Boards of EP and NMEC.

I am grateful to you for your positive approach both to the Millennium Experience project and to the legacy issue. I look forward to discussing the issues further when we have heard back from the Working Group in October.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

*Best wishes,
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Date: 9 September 1998

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Whilst this is certainly helpful, I think for
22/10 we need a one side list of knock-out
milestones for the next 4 months, with the
main message coming from each.

Angus 2/10

MILLENNIUM PRESENTATIONAL ROUNDUP

The Past Week: Media

Last Friday's Times Educational Supplement carried a detailed article about NMEC's Education Plan, which also touched on the SchoolNet project, BT's FutureTalk scheme and M&S's Children's Promise.

Saturday's Telegraph had a feature on progress of at the Dome project with photographs. The paper also carried a mixed bag of speculation about the Spirit Zone, the Millennium ferris wheel and the JLE timetable.

Saturday' Financial Times gave an account of marketing plans associated with the development of the Tate Bankside.

The Observer had a piece trailing the BBC's plans to cover the First Weekend which claimed (yet again) that the Queen and other VIPs would be floated to the Dome by barge on New year's Eve 1999. Some editions carried an article which claimed that BT's plans for its Dome sponsorship amounted to excessive and inappropriate corporate self-promotion. The Observer was obliged to print a correction and apology concerning its story of the previous week that the Dome was likely to collapse into the Blackwall Tunnel.

The Sunday Mirror contained news that NMEC is attempting to patent the London skyline. (We tracked down the Patent Office spokesman responsible for briefing the paper and have come to an understanding with the agency about future statements. Following briefing, the Times decided not to follow up the story.)

Monday's Telegraph carried a letter from Jennie Page pointing out that their correspondent who had proposed riverboats to get people to the Dome appeared unaware of the plans already in place to provide the service.

Peter Mandelson appeared on "This Morning" on Tuesday, to help Richard and Judy mark their programme's tenth anniversary and to talk about the Dome and about the Company's "Voices of Promise" initiative. This appearance - brokered by DTI press office with help from the Company and the Unit - went very well. The Standard gave SoS a warm review, praising his comic timing.

Following an article in this week's Contract Journal, Wednesday's Standard and several of Thursday's papers reported that electricians working on the JLE were seeking to hold the project to ransom by demanding huge pay rises for overtime worked beyond the EU working time directive. (This is a DETR transport matter thus far but they are not commenting and referring calls to London Transport.)

The announcement by the Churches of the Millennium candles and resolution initiatives on Thursday was picked up by three papers on Friday: all lead with the angle that no mention of God is made in the proposed text of the resolution. Chris Smith's statement of support was quoted in every article.

The Week's Events

The Company's education plan was launched at the Dome on Monday morning.

I attended a useful meeting at NMEC with the Commission and representatives of TESCO on Tuesday. TESCO is working up plans for a Millennium notice board to be sited in every one of its supermarkets, which will keep the public informed of events. We discussed the best way to feed information to TESCO to be used on the notice boards. A brief will now be put to their designers.

Clare Pillman and I met Ian Hepplewhite, new Chief Press Officer at DCMS, on Tuesday, to discuss presentational aspects of the Millennium.

We have had final confirmation from DCMS's Information Services branch that the electronic database for Millennium events will be ready for use shortly. I will be writing formally to NMEC, the Commission and to DTI seeking confirmation that each will participate and make a contribution to the setup costs.

The BBC made an announcement on Wednesday that Children in Need and Comic Relief would be joining Marks & Spencer in the Children's Promise initiative.

At this week's roundup we considered key presentational messages, vehicles and outputs for the period to about the end of this year. A summary of agreed objectives will be circulated with next week's roundup.

Peter Mandelson recorded a video message commending the launch of NMEC's new virtual reality website on Thursday. This will be used at the press conference next week (see Forward Look.)

Churches Together in England held a press conference on Thursday to announce plans for the distribution of Millennium candles and a 'resolution' which can be read in the period just before midnight on New Year's Eve 1999. The Unit worked closely with organisers to ensure that our joint messages, including Chris Smith's statement of support, were appropriate. We furnished PA and various papers with the statement.

Next Week's Media

The Commission anticipates a story in the Guardian on Saturday following up this week's Lottery funding controversy. They have offered material on the Commission's work as a good cause.

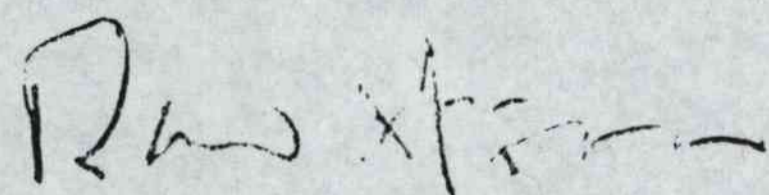
The Commission also expects a piece to appear in the Observer by Michhel Ratcliffe about the Lowry Centre.

Next Week's Events

The Unit is meeting colleagues from across DCMS on Monday to discuss how best to improve the profile of our Millennium work within the Department and to improve cooperation in knitting policy messages together.

Next week's NMEC(G) will feature a presentation from Sholto Douglas Home on the Company's planned advertising campaign.

Please excuse the appearance of the Forward Look this week: we had some last minute technical problems which have caused havoc with the headers. All will be well again next week.



RODNEY WATSON

FORWARD LOOK, THE UK MILLENNIUM - FROM 9 OCTOBER 1998

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DATE, PLACE & TIME			EVENT OR ANNOUNCEMENT WITH BRIEF DESCRIPTION			MAIN MESSAGES & TARGET AUDIENCE	PROPOSED MEDIA HANDLING, PUBLICITY VEHICLES EXPECTED OUTPUTS	LEAD ORGANISATION & CONTACT
DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT			
ongoing Oct.				Regional media days at Dome		Regional Media		Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
10/10/98	Venture Centre 2000, Lawford, Essex	12.00 - 16.00	Venture Centre 2000 (MC Grant of £270k) – a new scouting HQ and community centre.	Opening of centre – family fun day	They are hoping to get a local celebrity to attend Ray Anderson from the MC will attend (tbc)	The Millennium Commission will be supporting our communities by investing lottery money into the local community centre TA: Local media and the general public	The Venture Centre 2000 Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
11/10/98	Dome	06.30	BT sponsored Dome Zone	BT Launch	Sound and light show - content announcement. Trevor MacDonald to be announced at "voice of BT".	TA: National, regional and media and the general public	to be determined	BT/NMEC
12/10/98	Dome		BT sponsored Dome Zone	BT Launch	Interviews for media as follow up to previous day's launch	TA: National, regional and media and the general public		BT/NMEC

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12/10/98	London	12.00		Women of the Year Assembly	Jennie Page to speak	Promote Dome to women		Deborah Oliver NMEC 0171 808 8325
12/10/98	The Powerstation, Bankside	20.00	Tate Gallery of Modern Art (MC Grant of £50million) – new national art gallery to house the Tate's modern collection	Projection of artists' film on to the façade of the former power station.	This is the third film of a series of 5.	The Millennium Commission is investing in education and revitalising the city of London by investing lottery money into it.	The Tate Gallery Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
poss. 15/10/98	London		Intel 3D Dome	Go live on website	Virtual reality Dome on NMEC website	TA: National, regional and specialist media and the general public	Press notice	Janet Hare NMEC 0171 808 8319
15/10/98	London	tbc	British Council Youth Mill. Awards (MC grant of £2.1m) - the scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience within a community.	Launch of scheme/ reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK.	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'	The British Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Judith Moore Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
15/10/98	British Embassy, Paris		Travel trade launch	European Consumer launch	Part of overseas marketing PR drive	Promote Dome as attraction to French tourists TA: French media		E. Boyden BTA/ 0171 808 8257

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16/10/98	British Embassy, Paris		Travel trade launch	European Consumer launch	Part of overseas marketing PR drive	Promote Dome as attraction to French tourists TA: Paris based UK media		E. Boyden BTA/ 0171 808 8257
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17/10/98				Youth Council meeting				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314
18/10/98				Poss. Manpower event	tbc			
19/10/98	Shoreditch Church, Hackney	18.30 - 20.00	Church Floodlighting (MC Grant of £2,288,788) – a multi site project to floodlight 400 churches	Switching on	Mike O'Connor to attend	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the country. TA: Local and regional press (Evening Standard) and the general public.	Shoreditch Church Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
21/10/98	London			4th Media Forum				
22/10/98	Rathfriland Community Centre, Banbridge, NI	13.00 - 14.30	Rathfriland Community Centre (MC Grant of £285,000) – a new community centre	Launch	tbc	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in this community	The Rathfriland Community Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
22/10/98	Windsor Great Park	10.30	National Cycle Network, Windsor (MC Grant of £43,500,000 for this multi site project) –	Opening	tbc	The Millennium Commission is encouraging environmental sustainability by investing lottery money in this cycle network	The National Cycle Network Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007

29/10/98	Clackmannan Parish Church. Falkirk, Scotland	18.30	Church Floodlighting (MC grant of £2,288,788 for this multi site project) – to floodlight 400 churches	Switching on	tbc	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the UK TA: Local and regional press, specialist media and general public	The Church Floodlighting Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
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29/10/98	Sheffield		"Made in Sheffield"	Dinner	Janet Anderson to speak			Rod Watson DCMS 0171 211 3656
undated Oct.			Central show	Training begins				Fiona Cline NMEC 0171 808 8314 Gabrielle Owtram NMEC 0171 808 8226
undated Oct.	Leeds (Yorks and Humberside)	tbc	Leeds Millennium Square (MC grant £5.4m) New public space	Start on site		The MC is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this new public space in Leeds TA: National and regional media and the general public	Leeds Council Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007
undated Oct.	Brierly Forest Park, Ashfield Notts., Saltmill Saltash, Plymouth (Umbrella Projects)	tbc	Changing Places – Groundwork Foundation (MC Grant of £22,100,000) - A multi-site project to reclaim wasteland to enhance local environment	Launches	tbc	The Millennium Commission is revitalising our cities by investing lottery money in this multi site. TA: Regional and national media and the general public	The Changing Places Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Mill Comm 0171 880 2007

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undated Oct.				Regional Editors Day	Invite all regional News organisations to send someone to Dome			
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undated Oct.	Site			Possible O/B on Jazz FM including several live interviews				Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
undated Oct.				Possible O/B from site on Jazz FM including several live interviews			Jazz FM	Ross Cook NMEC 0171 808 8308
undated Oct.				Festival round up release	Number of applications received when next stage begins			Terence Gibbons NMEC 0171 808 8223
undated Oct.	tba		Millennium Awards Fellowship	Launch		Launch of Millennium awards fellowship Poss. PM or SoS appearance		Angela Salt Mill Comm 0171 880 2090
undated Oct.	London	tbc	British Council Youth Millennium Awards	Launch of scheme / reception	October will see the first round of successful applicants who have completed the overseas part of their project return to the UK	MC grant £2.1m. The scheme will offer young adults a once in a lifetime opportunity to undertake an international experience which will be of direct benefit to their local communities. TA - national and regional	Award partner	

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Oct/Nov.				Consumer campaign around M&S in-store promos				
1/11/98	Floodlighting St. Nicholas Church, Sutton, Surrey	18.30	Church Floodlighting (MC grant of £8017.25) - an umbrella project to floodlight 400 churches	Floodlighting the church Jim Briscoe from the MC will be attending		The MC is supporting our communities by floodlighting 400 churches around the country. TA: National, Regional and specialist media and the general public	Church Floodlighting Press office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
2/11/98	Red Lodge Millennium Centre, Bury St Edmunds	14.15 - 15.30	Red Lodge Millennium Centre (MC Grant of £565,500) 0 a working demonstration of an energy efficient community centre	1 st sod turning	tbc	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money into the Red Lodge Millennium Centre TA: Regional and specialist media and the general public	Red Lodge Millennium Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
6/11/98	Clonoe Community Centre, Coalisland, NI	tbc	Clonoe Community Centre (MC Grant of £613,000) - this project will provide a high quality, multi-purpose facility for all age groups in a remote area.	Official Opening Kevin Burke from the MC	tbc	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing money in the Clonoe Community Centre. TA: Local media	Clonoe Community Centre Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
13/11/98 - 15/11/98	Manchester			APMEA Launch	Travel Trade			BTA

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14/11/98	Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Cambridgeshire	13.30 - 15.15	Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Project 2000 (MC Grant of £160,000) – the original hall will be refurbished	Opening Bill Alexander from the Millennium Commission to attend (tbc)	tbc	The Millennium Commission is supporting our communities by investing lottery money in the Whittlesford Memorial Hall. TA: Local media and the general public	Whittlesford Memorial Hall Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise.	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
DATE	EVENT LOCATION	TIME	PROJECT	EVENT	COMMENT	MESSAGE/AUDIENCE	HANDLING, VEHICLES, OUTPUTS	ORGANISATION / CONTACT
17/11/98	Ashton Centre, Belfast	tbc	New Start Millennium Award Scheme (MC Grant of £380,000) – the awards will offer a new opportunity for local people to play an active part in the developing their own community.	Launch of the awards	tbc	The Millennium Commission is investing lottery money in 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things' TA – Regional and national media	The New Start Millennium Award Press Office and the Millennium Commission Press Office to liaise	Karen Jensen Millennium Commission 0171 880 2007
17/11/98	Banqueting Hall			LTB Launch and poss. <i>String of Pearls</i>				E. Boyden LTB 0171 808 8257

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4 September 1998

Dear Robin,

FIRST ORDER QUESTIONS: MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE

Thank you for your letter of 5 August.

We shall need to consult business managers about this when we can get them together, which is unlikely to be before early October. Any change to the rota will need to be given to the Table Office by 9 October.

We are inclined to agree that the option of continuing with Dome questions being associated with DCMS questions can be ruled out, although Murdo Maclean has raised the option of postponing the change until the new Session. On the options for handling as part of DTI questions, we think business managers are likely to start from the position that there is no obvious need for special treatment of Dome questions.

I am copying this letter to Tony Dyer (Chris Smith's office), Anthony Phillipson (Peter Mandelson's office), **Angus Lapsley (No 10)**, Murdo Maclean, Vanessa Scarborough, Sebastian Wood, Michael Scholar and Tim Williams (DTI).

JOHN ELVIDGE

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3rd September 1998

Dear John,

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LEGACY OPTIONS FOR THE
MILLENNIUM DOME AND ITS SITE ON THE GREENWICH PENINSULAR**

Thank you for copying your letter of 21 August to Peter Mandelson to Stephen Byers. As you asked for early confirmation, I am replying on his behalf.

Ideally, I am sure we would all like to see the Dome remain at Greenwich after 2000. But I fully agree with you that this can only happen if it would not undermine the wider regeneration of the Greenwich Peninsular or our commitment that the Dome will not generate any extra burden on the public purse. I see from the report that this means that, among other things, this requires potential bidders to make offers of at least £80 million.

I also agree that it can only be helpful to give potential bidders a clear statement of the minimum hurdles any bid for the future use of the Dome would need to overcome, and I am content with the criteria you propose. While I can see merit in vfm terms in running a single competition for future use of the Dome, either at Greenwich or elsewhere, I accept your argument that this would be over-complex - but if no suitable bids come forward for re-use of the Dome at Greenwich, I hope we can keep open the option of running a subsequent competition for its re-use elsewhere.

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In constructing any contract, we also need to keep in mind Sir Dennis Stevenson's advice that the true worth of the Dome may not be known until the middle of the year 2000, and make sure that there are adequate provisions for clawback if its value turns out to be higher than expected. I would be grateful if my officials could be fully involved in developing the details of the competition and related announcements.

We need to bear in mind the possibility that no proposals that meet the criteria will come forward, in which case the Dome would need to be removed - and we should therefore avoid making any firm commitments about the future of the Dome until the results of the competition are known. But removing the Dome should not be looked on as a failure: we will still have achieved the regeneration of one of the most run-down areas of London, and in the Millennium Village have set out an example for the development of more sustainable communities.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Peter Mandelson, Chris Smith and to Sir Richard Wilson.

Best wishes,

PATRICIA HEWITT

From: ~~Clare~~ Hawley
Date: 2 September 1998

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Jeremy Heywood
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Liz Lloyd o/r

LICENSING HOURS OVER THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

George Howarth wants to consult on the extension of licensing hours over the Millennium holiday. The extension will be done through Deregulation Orders and will apply not only to the Millennium but to every New Year after that.

There are two suggested options: a 12 hour relaxation (11pm to 11am) or extension of licensing hours up to 4 am. You expressed a preference for the former and George intended to consult only on this option.

Peter Kilfoyle has raised a problem: the consultation and Deregulation Order will take some 12 months to get through, so there is only one chance to get it right if it is to be in place for the Millennium. The Deregulation Committee would take a dim view of any Order that was put forward without being explicitly consulted on and favoured by consultees. Peter therefore suggests consulting on both options.

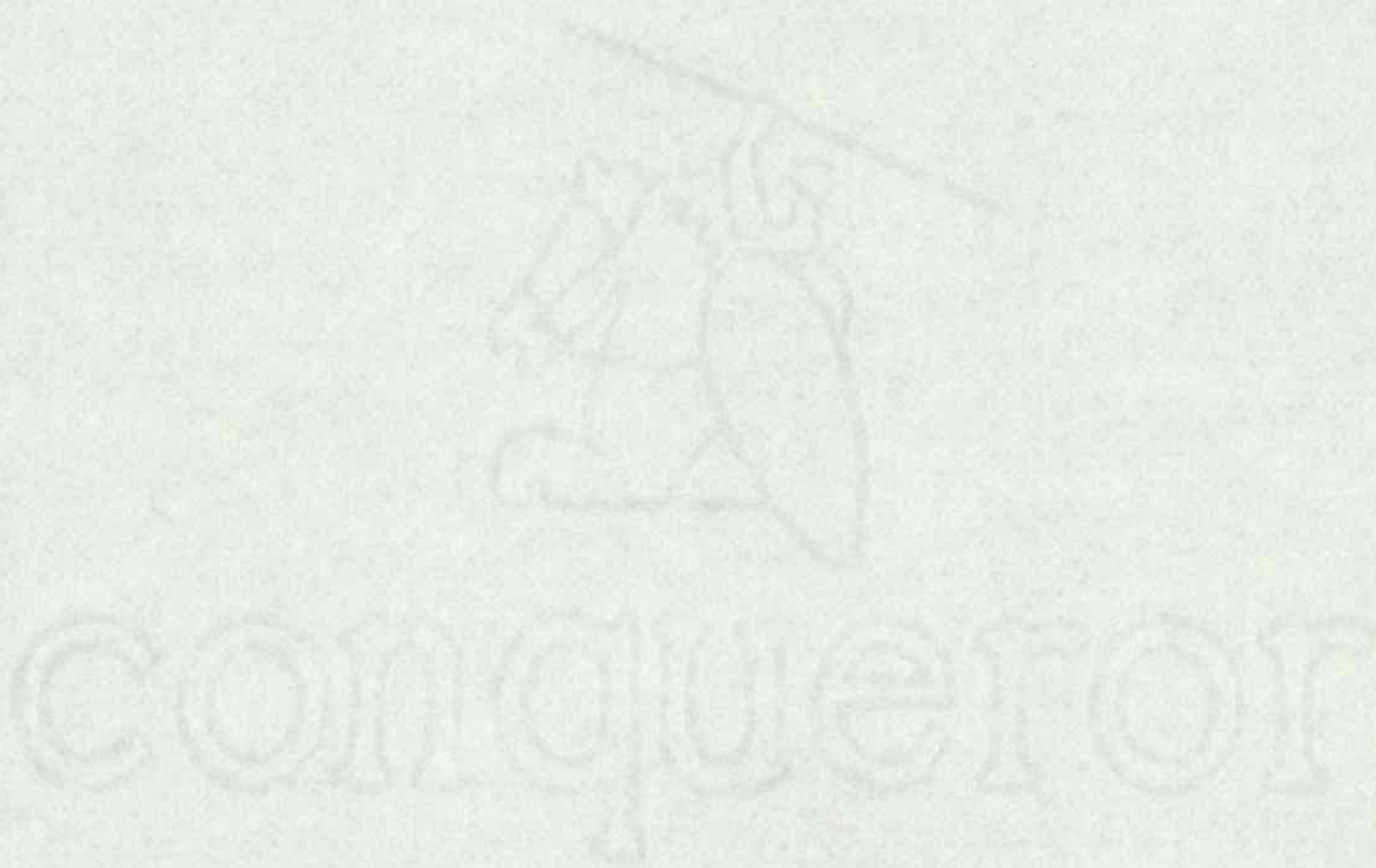
Given the nature of the issue, those against extending the licensing hours are likely to be more vocal than those in favour. The 12 hour relaxation is clearly the more radical option and likely to provoke more dissent. On the other hand given a choice between the two options, the danger is of a split vote with no clear preference – though at least this would then allow the Home Office to make an informed choice and justify it to the Committee.

George has said that he is content to consult on both options if you are happy with this.

Are you content?

Yes

Clare



George Howarth MP



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Dear Peter,

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

You proposed in your letter of 24 August that we should go out to consultation on two options.

As I explained in my letter of 10 August, I was reluctant to do this because earlier consultation exercises seeking views on alternative ways of proceeding had produced less than clear responses. The consultation about extending normal licensing hours to midnight on Friday and Saturdays is a good example of this.

In the present case, there is also a real possibility that people might, without examining the respective merits too closely, simply plump for the more cautious option. So there would be a risk in slanting the consultation against the Prime Minister's preferred option, to which colleagues have now agreed.

I do recognise the force of your point about increasing the options for action after the consultation. I particularly wanted colleagues to consider the possibility of a less than favourable response by consultees, and I am grateful to you for focussing on this.

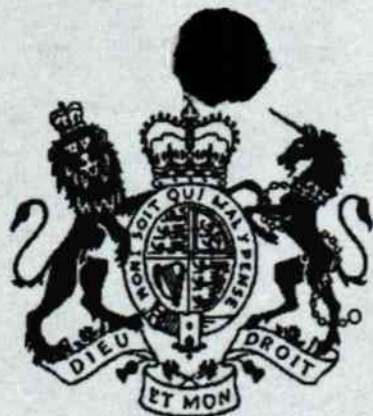
If, notwithstanding the reservations which I have explained, you still think the best course would be to consult on both options - ie general 4am closing and a 12 hour suspension of permitted hours - I should be willing to do this, subject to the Prime Minister's agreement.

I would have liked to discuss this, as you suggested, but I am anxious that time is running away: we need to begin the process very quickly if we are to have any chance of having arrangements in place in time to be of any use. I should therefore be grateful for an urgent response.

A copy of this goes to the Prime Minister and to Sir Richard Wilson.

Yours
George

GEORGE HOWARTH



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To: All on the MISC4(O) contact list

Dear Colleague

NEXT MEETING OF THE MISC4 OFFICIALS GROUP

It has recently been agreed with the Secretariat that the Year 2000 Team should chair future meetings of MISC4(O). I am writing to let you know that the next meeting of MISC4(O) will take place on Wednesday 16 September at 3:00 pm in room 68/4 in the Cabinet Office building on Horse Guards Road (and not at 70 Whitehall). Please use the Parkside Entrance when you arrive - I attach a map. I would be grateful if you could let Leslie Mayne (Tel: GTN 238 0378) know who will be attending from your department.

We would like to propose the following agenda for the meeting:

1. Up-date on the Action 2000 Public Confidence Programme
2. Up-date on the Communications strategy
3. Feed back from the discussion of the Year 2000 problem at the Permanent Secretaries' meeting on 2 September
4. The state of progress in local government
5. The insurance sector - draft MISC4 paper
6. The voluntary sector - draft MISC4 paper
7. An up-date on the "Bug Busters" programme
8. Future work programme for MISC4

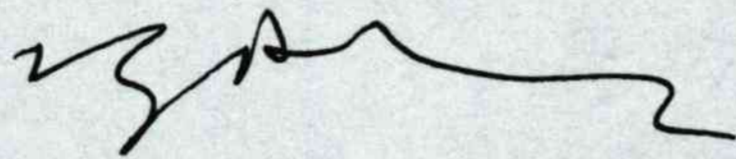
The intention is to schedule the next meeting of MISC4 for the end September. Secretariat will be looking to arrange a date in the next week or so. A provisional agenda for the meeting is attached at **annex A**.

The Home Office and Treasury respectively have been asked to produce a paper on the Voluntary Sector and the Insurance Sector for the meeting. Colleagues are also asked to consider whether the papers on the "Bug Busters" programme (MISC4 (98) 64), and flood defences (MISC4 (98) 55-57) need to be up-dated in advance of the meeting.

For your information I also attach a copy of Dr Iain Anderson's schedule for the coming months.

Please contact me if you have any questions on the proposed agenda for MISC4(O).

Yours faithfully



Kristian Armstrong
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ANNEX A

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 8TH MEETING OF MISC4, END OF SEPTEMBER 1998

Agenda

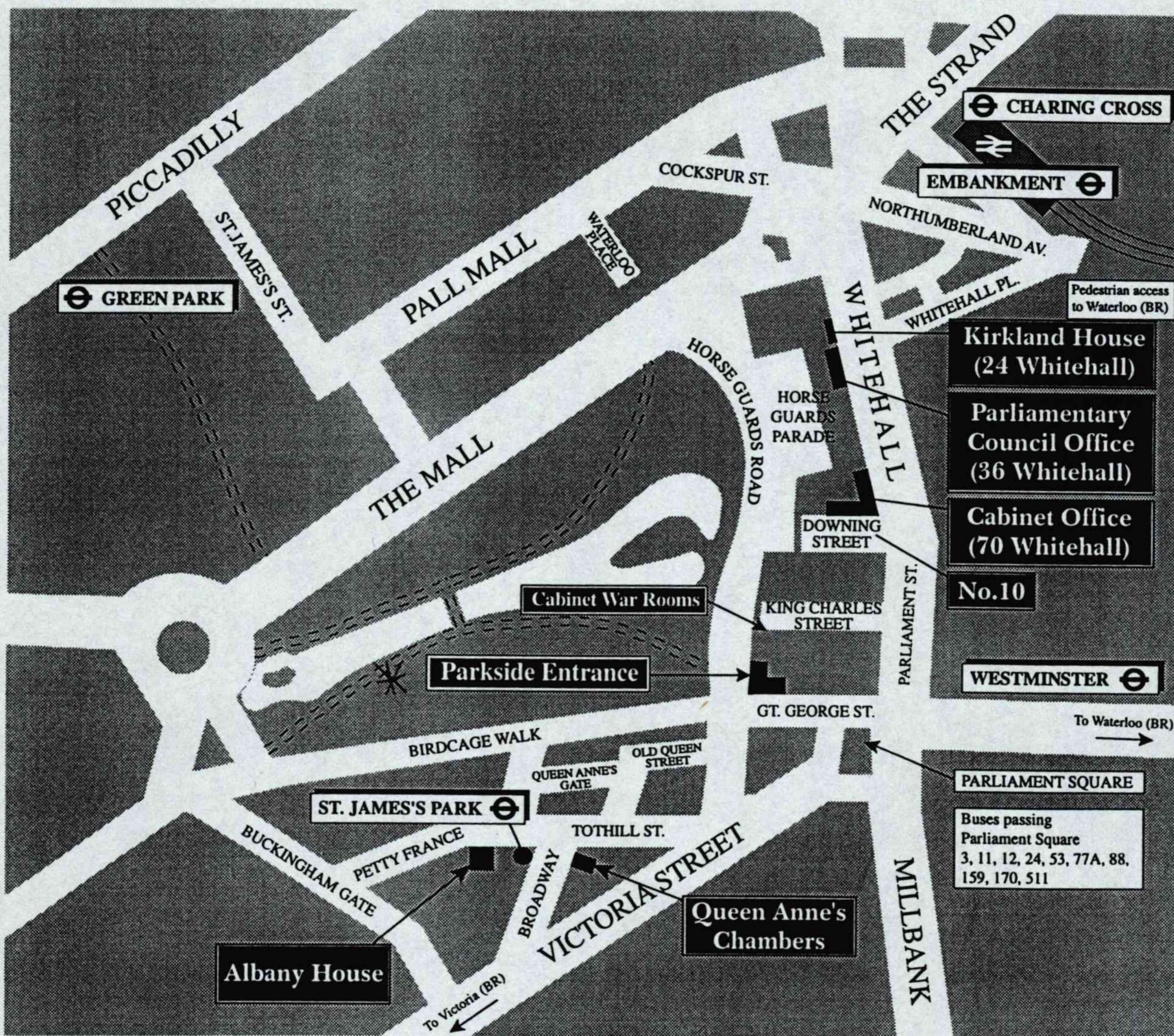
1. Detailed budgeted proposals on the Public Confidence Programme, including the direction for phase 3 of the national infrastructure risk assessment
2. The Insurance Sector - its own preparedness and separately, its impact on the rest of the infrastructure
3. The Voluntary Sector
4. Read out from the September monitoring report and any decisions Ministers need to take
5. The "Bug Busters" training programme update - bumped from the last MISC4 meeting
6. Flood Defence - bumped from the last MISC4 meeting
7. The impact of Y2K on IT-related policies - bumped from the last MISC4 meeting

Dr ANDERSON - DIARY DATES

Dates			Y2K Team	Comments
2 Sept - 10 am	Presentation to Perm Secs	Conf Room A, 70W	Mandy Mayer	Dr Anderson confirmed
2 Sept - 15.30	Andrew Foster Controller of Audit Commission	1 Vincent Square	Eddie Tomlin Marie Pender	Peter Wilkinson Dir. of Corporate Affairs also attending Dr Anderson confirmed
3 Sept - 10.30 hrs	Sir John Bourn Head of NAO	NAO, 157 Buckingham Palace Rd	Eddie Tomlin	Dr Anderson confirmed
3 Sept - 15.30 hrs	Sue Street	CS Recreation Suit, Chadwick St, Westminster	Mandy Mayer Valerie Keating	Seminar arranged by HO Emergency Planning Division
Dr Anderson in Africa 7 - 19 September				
21 Sept - 10.15 hrs	Hilary Armstrong Minister for Local Govt & Housing	Eland House Bressenden Place	Mandy Mayer Marie Pender	Dr Anderson confirmed
22 Sept - 10.30 hrs	Stephen Byers Chief Secretary	Room 34/2, HMT	Mandy Mayer Kristain Armstrong	Dr Anderson confirmed
22 Sept - 12.00 hrs	Peter Mandelson SofS DTI	1 Victoria St	Mandy Mayer	Dr Anderson confirmed
22 Sept - 15.00 hrs	Home Office Emergency Planners	Rm. 662, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, HO	Mandy Mayer Valerie Keating	Dr Anderson confirmed
29 Sept - 15.00 hrs	John Evans Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall	ACPO London office 25 Victoria Street	Valerie Keating	Dr Anderson confirmed
30 Sept - 10.00 hrs	Robert Ayling Chairman of the Millennium experience	British Airways plc Waterside Harmondsworth	Mandy Mayer	Contact: Miss Pilman in DCMS Clare Salters (DCMS) will also attend. Dr Anderson confirmed
5 October - House of Lords returns from Summer recess				
Dr Anderson in Copenhagen on 6 and 7 October				
9 Oct - 14.30 hrs	Brian Briscow Chief Executive	26 Chapter St SW1	Marie Pender	Dr Anderson confirmed

	Local Govt Assn			
15 Oct - 15.00 hrs Possible meeting	Mr Dobson Baroness Hayman and Mrs Beckett	Mr Dobson's office Richmond House 79 Whitehall	Mandy Mayer	Mr Dobson requested mtg
15 Oct - 19.00 hrs	Reception & Dinner OECD/CSSA year 2000 conference	Stakis Metropole Hotel		16 Oct - All day session 08.00 to 18.00 hrs
15 Oct - 10.00 hrs	Eddie George Governor of the Bank of England		Mandy Mayer	

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Dear Minister,

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Selvin Brown - Parly

Tom Walker - f Adm

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24th August 1998

BETTER REGULATION: RELAXATION OF LICENSING HOURS

I have seen your further letter of 10 August to John Prescott seeking agreement to using an order under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 to extend normal licensing hours for a twelve hour period every New Year's Eve, beginning with the Millennium. I am replying as Minister with day to day responsibility for this area.

In your letter you discuss the options for delivering a relaxation of licensing hours for the millennium holiday. I agree with your analysis that in the absence of time for a short Government Bill the route offering the best prospect of success is the deregulation order-making process. I agree also that we cannot use this route to make the change on a one-off basis. As you say, the same relaxation in hours proposed for the millennium holiday would have to apply on each subsequent New Years Eve - at least until any more fundamental reform of licensing law were implemented.

As the Prime Minister has noted, relaxing licensing law for New Year's Eve on an annual basis would have the major advantage of removing the need for large numbers of individual applications for license extensions to licensing magistrates, with all the red tape and inconsistency which this involves. I agree with your assessment, though, that making this an annual relaxation will mean that those concerned about late night public nuisance and noise are likely to judge the proposal not in the context of the millennium but in relation to subsequent New Year's Eve celebrations. The positive response to the recent report by the Better Regulation Task Force demonstrated that there is wide support for reform (and indeed relaxation) of licensing hours, but those opposed to a relaxation of hours, whilst a minority, have demonstrated in the past that they are a vocal and well-organised minority - including as they do residents groups from the West End of London.



The Prime Minister has indicated his preference for a 12 hour relaxation. This must be our objective and your letter proposes we consult on this basis. However, I am concerned that in pursuing this as a single objective at this stage we may leave ourselves with no effective fall-back position. Given the requirement for consultation and the parliamentary processes a deregulation order will generally take 12 months to run its course before we can get to up to commencement stage. The process cannot be short-circuited as the last Government found when it gave less than a month for a less than comprehensive consultation on Sunday dancing reform. We have little room, therefore, for manoeuvre or error.

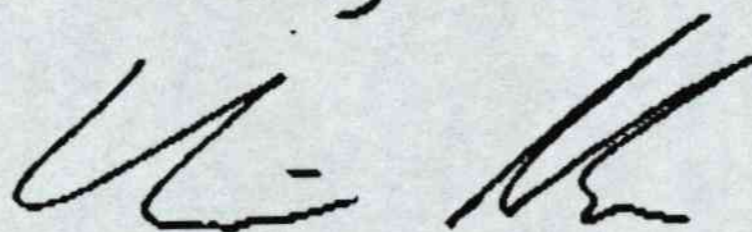
If there is significant opposition to the 12 hour proposal we will face a difficult decision and an uncertain outcome in terms of proceeding given the duty of the Deregulation committees to satisfy themselves that "necessary protection" has been maintained or introduced. Were we to conclude in light of responses or in light of committee concerns that consultation on some alternative was prudent or necessary there is every possibility that the delay involved would mean the order could not be made in time for the Millennium.

In order to provide us with an effective fall-back I believe you should consult now on two proposals - our preferred 12 hour relaxation and your original proposals of an extension to 4am which you judged to be generally acceptable. I understand your concern that in consulting on more than one option we run the risk of confusing the message and response, and of fuelling opposition to the longer relaxation. The proposals would clearly need to be carefully presented in order to minimise such risks. It will need also to explain why a universal relaxation under either option passes the necessary protection test. We would need here to spell out the legislation on noise, public nuisance and disorder which would apply during the time in question.

My over-riding concern in suggesting this approach is that we minimise the risk of going into the Millennium holiday with NO relaxation of hours - which would be deeply disappointing to the public and seriously embarrassing given the significance we have attached to this event.

I would be happy to meet to discuss the handling of this important order. I am copying this letter to The Prime Minister, members of EA and HS, to the Attorney General and the Lord Advocate, and to the First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Richard Wilson.

Yours sincerely



PETER KILFOYLE

(Approved by the Minister
& signed in his absence)



Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
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From the Minister

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Dear George,

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

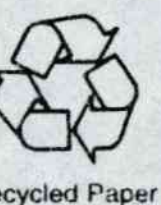
Thank you for copying to me your letter of 10 August to John Prescott, seeking agreement to your proposal for consultation on a deregulation order which would extend normal licensing hours for a twelve hour period every New Year's Eve, beginning with the Millennium.

I know that this was originally the preferred option of the licensed trade and I am sure that they will welcome this proposed approach. I therefore fully support your revised proposal.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Jack Cunningham, members of HS and LEG committees, and to Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.

*Jim
Nick*

NICK BROWN



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Peter Mandelson

**REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON LEGACY OPTIONS FOR
THE MILLENNIUM DOME AND ITS SITE ON THE GREENWICH
PENINSULA**

I attach a copy of the report of the Working Group we set up on the legacy options for the Millennium Dome and its site on the Greenwich Peninsula and am seeking your and colleagues approval to proceed as officials recommend.

The Group was charged with considering and making proposals on:

- a. the criteria against which the Government should assess bids;
- b. the timetable within which decisions were required;
- c. the bidding process; and
- d. how this process would fit with English Partnerships' regeneration masterplan for the Peninsula

against the background that the Government had decided in June 1997 when proceeding with the Millennium Experience that it would result in no extra burden to the public purse and would provide a lasting legacy.

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The current policy on legacy, which you announced in December 1997, followed the Government acceptance of the Dennis Stevenson report, which concluded that the most likely legacy was a continuation of the Millennium Experience in private hands and that it would be unwise to make any decisions on its continuation until 2000 when the Experience was in full swing and interest would be maximised. In making the announcement accepting the recommendations of the Stevenson report you invited expressions of interest in the Dome's future use.

The Working Group has identified a number of potential problems including:

The seven expressions of interest received to date cannot be developed until an appropriate process and a development brief are in place against which developers can base proposals. The current proposals are superficial and the proposals are not prepared to develop them further without knowing what will be acceptable to the Government and on what basis they will be assessed;

The public increasingly expect the Dome to stay at Greenwich but there is no means in place of assessing the financial and practical potential of the alternatives to the English Partnerships masterplan;

Uncertainty about the Dome site will be increasingly unhelpful to the Millennium Village as the developers start to market the first homes next year. The NMEC are having some difficulties as their actual and potential sponsors are looking for some certainty;

If a decision on the future of the Dome is delayed to 2000 there will be a minimum of a year's gap between the end of the Experience and the start of development. During this time the site may fall into disuse inviting criticism. There also seems less likelihood now that a private company could carry on the Millennium Experience, even if this was desirable, as the sponsorship arrangements mean most of the exhibits will be taken away by their sponsors at the end of the Experience.

I therefore share the view of the Working Group that waiting for expression of interest and deciding in 2000 what to do poses real dangers and that an open competition for the Dome and its site is essential.

I have carefully considered the recommendation that the competition should invite bids for reuse of the Dome in situ and elsewhere to maximise the potential for receiving profitable and exciting proposals and to avoid the possibility of another competition if the proposals for reuse on the Peninsula were not acceptable. If our clear preference is to find a viable use for the Dome at Greenwich then I suggest that the competition should be run solely on that basis rather than also inviting bids for reuse of the Dome elsewhere. I suggest we should be giving the market a clear steer on what we want to achieve and signal our confidence in the future of the Dome at Greenwich. Do you and colleagues therefore agree that the proposed competition should be restricted to seeking to find a new use for the Dome on the Greenwich site? To meet the Working Group's concern about loss of time in the event of an unsuccessful competition I suggest we seek an earlier launch.

I am content for English Partnerships to take forward the competition working closely with NMEC. I am content for the Working Group to stay in place to act as a co-ordinating mechanism for Departmental interests for the competition.

The four broad criteria covering finance, regeneration, practical (including maximising the use of public transport) and technical issues are clearly very important and I welcome yours and colleagues comments on them and the presentational issues. The financial, regeneration and transport criteria are of particular importance to me in my capacity as Secretary of State for DETR.

A critical feature for both the competition prospectus and future financial returns to Government will be what access potential bidders have to the site, the Dome and the ancillary operating infrastructure. I suggest therefore that we ask the officials in the Working Group to work closely with English Partnerships and NMEC to set out the options including an analysis of which ownership options maximise the return from the sale and use of all the assets we have created on the site including the operating goodwill of NMEC. The Group will need to involve other bodies as appropriate, especially London Transport. It would be useful to have this report by the end of October at the latest with a view to starting the competition as soon as possible thereafter.

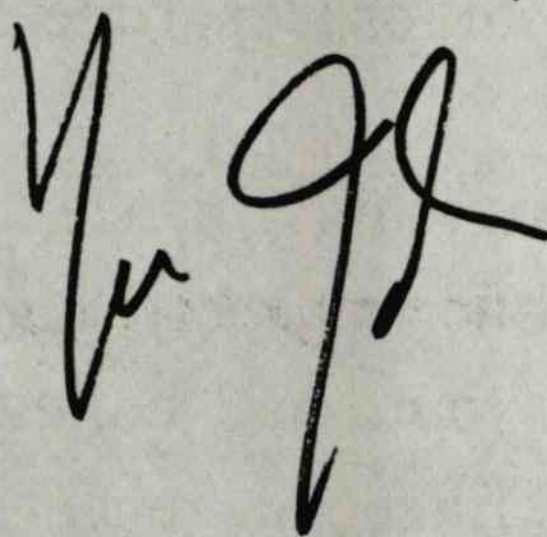
Finally, the attitude of Greenwich will be critical to our success because the Dome has planning permission which expires in December 2001. Greenwich are on record in that they wish to see the Dome retained on site. We need to ensure

however that they are content with our general approach to a competition before we go public. If colleagues are content with the proposals above therefore I shall take early informal soundings of the Leader.

In summary I share the Working Group's view that delaying a decision on the future of the Dome to 2000 is high risk, and thus that a process and formal mechanism should be put in place immediately to promote serious proposals and achieve an early resolution of the future of the Dome. However, I believe we will increase the chances of a more successful competition for the use of the Dome at Greenwich if we signal our own confidence in the Dome's future by concentrating on Greenwich alone. I should be grateful for early confirmation that you and colleagues are content to proceed as I propose and that officials should report back by the end of October.

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I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, Stephen Byers, Chris Smith and to Sir Richard Wilson.



JOHN PRESCOTT

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REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE LEGACY OPTIONS FOR THE MILLENNIUM DOME AND ITS SITE ON THE GREENWICH PENINSULA

Introduction

1. In late May, Ministers agreed that a working group of officials from the DETR, Treasury, DCMS, English Partnerships (EP), Millennium Commission, and the NMEC should review current policy on the legacy of the Millennium Dome and its site on the Greenwich Peninsula. The working group is chaired by DETR. The Group was charged with considering and making proposals on:

- the criteria against which the Government should assess legacy bids;
- the broad timetable within which decisions would be required, in order to minimise down time after the year 2000 and maximise clarity of the process for potential sponsors;
- the process by which bids should be encouraged, assessed and decided on; and
- how this process would fit in with English Partnerships' regeneration masterplan for the Greenwich Peninsula.

2. This report contains the conclusions of the working group.

Recommendations

3. We recommend that:

- a. we should run an open, public competition for the future use of the Dome at Greenwich or elsewhere;
- b. the proposals should be assessed against the financial, regeneration, technical/practical and acceptability criteria proposed in this paper (paras 23-42) including the minimum financial hurdle recommended in para 28. Comments on the criteria would be welcomed;
- c. the competition should be run in line with the timetable at Annex D;
- d. EP should organise and manage the competition, with the involvement of NMEC, given their responsibilities and financial interests, and of others as appropriate, in line with EP's responsibilities under their Financial Memorandum and on behalf of other government interests; and

- e. the Working Group should remain in existence to co-ordinate Departments' interests in the competition and to advise Ministers.

Background

4. When the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister announced the decision on 19 June 1997 that the new Government had decided to proceed with the Millennium Experience at Greenwich, they made clear that this decision had been made on the basis of five key commitments:

- i. **it would result in no extra burden on the public purse;**
- ii. its contents would entertain and inspire;
- iii. it would be a truly national event;
- iv. **it would provide a lasting legacy;**
- v. the management structure of the operating company would be strengthened.

The two in bold are of direct relevance to this report.

5. The Government subsequently commissioned Dennis Stevenson (now Sir Dennis) to evaluate the possible legacy options from the Millennium Experience. His report, presented to Ministers in September 1997, concluded that the Millennium Village (which is located on a different part of the peninsula from the Dome) would in itself, provide a permanent legacy from the Millennium Experience which had acted as a catalyst for the Village's development.

6. The report also considered criteria for the development of the Dome site¹ and looked at a number of options against these criteria. It concluded that:-

- There were no obviously achievable long term alternatives to the EP masterplan for the Dome site. The only exception was to use part of the site, without the Dome, as an IT hub.
- The most likely legacy to include the Dome was a continuation of the Millennium Experience in private hands or to use the Dome to create a new development and regeneration opportunity elsewhere in the UK. Given the constraints, the report did not envisage there would be any other serious proposal for a new activity that involved the Dome.

¹ The 'Dome Site' referred to throughout this report is the same as that used in the Stevenson report ie the 40 acres north of the Jubilee line box.

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- It would be commercially unwise to make any decision on the continuation of the Millennium Experience until 2000 when the Millennium Experience would be up and running. It would be at this point, when the full potential of the Dome was being realised, that the most attractive bids would be received.

7. The Minister without Portfolio announced the conclusion of the Stevenson Report to Parliament on 1 December 1997 and in a Press Notice. In doing so, he invited expressions of interest in the Dome's future use, making clear that no final decision would be taken until 2000.

Developments since the Stevenson report

8. Since the Stevenson report:

- the remediation work on the Greenwich Peninsula has been completed. The provision of the infrastructure - services and highways - continues. EP has to date spent £76 million and let 78% of all the remediation and infrastructure contracts on the site. The project continues to be on time and budget.
- The Dome structure and its associated infrastructure have been built to time and to budget.
- The Jubilee Line station has been structurally completed by London Transport, who plan to open the line in Spring 1999.
- Following a competition, developers have been chosen for the Greenwich Millennium Village. The legal documentation is nearing completion. The outline planning application has been submitted and will be considered by Greenwich Council in September. The detailed application for the first phase will be submitted in August. The first homes should be ready for occupation in Summer 1999.
- Plans are well underway for the provision of a range of community facilities within the village.
- Building of the 50 acre park, riverside walk and cycleways will start this summer.
- Sainsburys are carrying out the development of their superstore and non food DIY store on the peninsula, which will be at the international leading edge of sustainable construction and maintenance. Planning consent will be considered by the London Borough of Greenwich in September. An operator for a multi screen cinema has been selected and the winner of a competition for a hotel will be selected in August.
- LT have selected an operator for high quality bus services from the Dome to Charlton Station, and to Greenwich town centre

- The Highways Agency has let a contract for work to improve access from the A102(M) to the Peninsula.

9. Seven expressions of interest have been received by NMEC and DCMS. Descriptions of these are at Annex A. NMEC have had some preliminary discussions with some of the organisations concerned. However, it was not clear who had responsibility for handling the expressions of interest, nor the basis on which they should be followed up. Until the Working Party was set up, they lay in a state of limbo. The expressions of interest have now been passed to EP who have also had some preliminary discussions with some of the organisations. Most of the expressions of interest are superficial. The organisations have been unwilling to develop their proposals further or divulge much information until they were clear about the process for taking forward their interest and the basis on which proposals would be considered.

10. Media speculation about the future of the Dome has grown, particularly in the wake of the Prime Minister's comment made at the topping out ceremony in June that it was "too good to pull down".

Looking forward

11. At the time of the Stevenson report, the EP masterplan had been recently endorsed by Ministers. This is the plan that is currently being taken forward. A list of the outputs from the plan are at Annex B.

12. Three maps are attached at Annex C;

- the approved Land Use Plan for Greenwich Peninsula;
- a plan of the land let to the New Millennium Experience Company;
- a land ownership plan.

13. The New Millennium Experience Company (NMEC) is currently operating in accordance with an Agreement for Lease. The lease will be granted within ten working days of it completing its works. The lease will run until 30 June 2001. No rent is payable. If the lease is extended by Notice given before the end of the year 2000 for another year, the New Millennium Experience Company then pays a commercial rent geared to the value of the EP masterplan. The planning permission for the Dome and its use expires in December 2001. Any future use of the Dome on this site would therefore require further planning permission.

14. The agreement for lease requires NMEC to remove the Dome unless EP serves notice on NMEC before the end of the year 2000 that it wishes the Dome to remain. EP's Board has made it clear that it would only consider serving such a notice if the Agency's share of the proceeds of sale and the

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outputs which would be achieved was at least equivalent to the levels which would be generated by implementing the existing masterplan. The Dome would either be sold and erected elsewhere or sold for scrap. The Stevenson report noted that NMEC's budget assumed the Dome could be sold for £15 million either for use elsewhere or for scrap. These receipts are an integral part of NMEC's cash budget of £758 million for the Millennium Experience project.

15. It was assumed by the Stevenson report that the contents of the Dome would have no value at the end of the Experience. In reality, the issue of the ownership and long term use of the contents, including the exhibits, is complex and dependent upon the arrangements made between NMEC and the exhibit sponsors.

16. Under the masterplan EP would, at the end of NMEC's lease, develop the site in stages. Plans are still at an early stage but the development would be mixed - primarily residential and commercial with the potential for an IT centre (embracing possibly the University for Industry and the National Grid for Learning). EP would be required to tender for the development of the site in line with normal development competition rules laid down in its Financial Memorandum.

17. The plans reflect the fact that with its new transport links, the Greenwich Peninsula is a prime development site, 14 minutes away from the centre of London with riverside views and access to a range of local amenities.

18. EP's budget for development on the site leased to NMEC is ring fenced at £147.5 million plus contingencies. Stevenson ascribed a cash value of £42.54 million to the site on the assumption that the Dome was dismantled at the end of the Experience and EP's masterplan was implemented.

19. EP are currently reviewing the masterplan, at the request of Ministers, to include the use of the Dome. They have considered seven generic uses of which three showed a positive value for the site:

- i. A limited visitor attraction,
- ii. Retail product showcasing, and
- iii. Science technology/research/development

20. The work is not complete but EP feel it looks promising, particularly if higher density developments could be agreed. This would potentially achieve a greater cost benefit ratio for the site and allow mixed use development. This in turn would enable a physical buffer between the Dome and the residential development to the south.

21. However we can see a number of problems looming:

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- ✓ - the expressions of interest made so far can not be developed further until there is a process to handle them and a development brief against which potential developers can produce their proposals;
- ✓ - public expectations (as reflected in the press) for the Dome to stay at Greenwich are becoming fixed without any means of assessing the financial and practical potential of the alternatives to the EP masterplan;
- ✓ - uncertainty and speculation about the Dome site will be increasingly unhelpful as homes in the Millennium Village come on the market next year. It will also be increasingly unhelpful to NMEC whose sponsors would like some certainty about the future;
- ✓ - if decisions on the outcome are delayed to mid 2000 as Stevenson suggested, there will be a minimum of a year's gap between the end of the Experience and work starting on a new development (taking into account the time needed, for example, for planning permission and tendering for construction contracts). During this period the site may be unused, fall into decay and give rise to criticism particularly if there are no plans for its development; and
- ✓ - at some point, EP will need to go to open tender to develop the Dome site. NMEC will also need to mount some sort of tender for the Dome itself (and whatever of the contents it owns at the end of the Millennium Experience). The future of the Dome, and the site, will continue to arouse intense public interest and any tendering exercises will attract publicity and speculation.

A competition

22. In the circumstances, we firmly recommend that we make a virtue out of necessity and run an open, well publicised competition for the development of the Dome, on Greenwich or elsewhere. The questions then to address are:

- the criteria for the competition
- whether the Dome at Greenwich and the Dome elsewhere should be dealt with together or as two competitions
- the timetable
- how the competition should be handled.

Criteria

23. There should be four broad criteria covering:

- finance
- regeneration
- practical and technical issues
- presentational and acceptability issues

Financial criteria

24. The criteria should cover two related issues:

- the Prime Minister's and Deputy Prime Minister's commitment that the Experience would result in no extra burden on the public purse and would provide a lasting legacy, and
- the normal rules about project appraisal and value for money.

25. The Ministerial commitment that the Millennium Experience would go ahead without any extra burden on the public purse has been interpreted in subsequent Ministerial correspondence as meaning that any decision on the future use of the Dome should not create any further pressure on the public purse - either through increased expenditure or through decreased or delayed receipts.

26. The Stevenson Report took this as "an absolutely binding condition", and expressed it as follows: "This cost commitment means in practice that there can be no deterioration in the overall net present value of English Partnership's Greenwich Peninsula Regeneration Project".

27. In addition, as the Stevenson Report pointed out, any proposal for the Dome's continued use, either at Greenwich or elsewhere, would also need to cover the £15 million in NMEC's budget from disposal of the Dome structure.

28. Stevenson estimated that if a developer wanted the site plus the Dome, he would need to make the equivalent of a one off payment in 2001 of about £80 million - £65 million to English Partnerships (for the land the Dome occupied, plus the loss in land value in the vicinity and taking into account other financial arrangements) and £15 million to NMEC (for the Dome itself). We recommend that these estimates should provide the minimum financial hurdle for proposals; bids would not be accepted for appraisal under the competition if they did not pass this hurdle.

29. In addition, the normal rules for project appraisal criteria are set out in the Treasury Green Book. This lays down that once all the options have been assessed, in general the one with the best cost-benefit ratio should be chosen. The current EP masterplan provides the base line; in order to adopt another option, it would be necessary to show that it had a better cost-benefit ratio.

30. These wider rules of project appraisal also provide a way of deciding between alternatives - in that in order to achieve best value for money, the option with the best cost-benefit ratio should be chosen.

Regeneration criteria

31. The English Partnerships budget falls to the regeneration vote of DETR. As with all regeneration projects, the Greenwich Development has to be appraised for value for money in terms of regeneration outputs.

32. Regeneration outputs should be measured in terms of:

- jobs generated
- homes built
- commercial or industrial space provided
- infrastructure built
- training/education provided
- sustainability of the development
- sustainability of the community
- maximum use of public transport.

EP's estimates for the regeneration outputs from the Dome site are given in Annex B.

33. Different proposals for the same site will produce a different mix of outputs. Benefits may fall to local people or more widely. Comparing different proposals in regeneration terms can be like comparing chalk and cheese.

34. Nevertheless, there are well tried methodologies and procedures for doing this operated by EP. These have been recently audited by the NAO.

35. We recommend that an acceptable option would need to produce equivalent or better regeneration outputs than those in the EP masterplan.

They would also need to gel with regeneration initiatives in the wider area, including the proposed Exhibition Centre in the Royal Docks.

Practical/Technical criteria

36. The Peninsula is situated on the south bank of the Thames and is accessed from the south by the A102M and from the north by the Blackwall tunnel. Road access is difficult and there is limited space for car parking facilities on the Peninsula. London Underground are constructing the Jubilee Line Extension and the North Greenwich station. This will ultimately provide a 14 minute journey to the West End.

37. There are no immediate plans to further improve road access to the area, and Ministers have decided that decisions on a new crossing should be taken by the new Mayor of London.

38. Any future development of the Dome site will need to take into account the transport constraints. The Greenwich Millennium Village, for example, is designed to provide for all the everyday needs of the community by foot, cycle or public transport. Any proposal for use of the Dome would need to be in sympathy with this strategy.

39. The practical constraints of the Dome itself need to be recognised. For example, its shape restricts the practical uses to which it can be put.

Presentation/public acceptability criteria

40. In evaluating options for the future of the Dome, whether at Greenwich or elsewhere, proper account needs to be taken of the symbolic importance of the structure as the centrepiece of the UK's Millennium celebrations.

41. We tried to express this symbolic importance in terms of objective criteria but think commonsense and judgment will have to determine acceptability for any future use of the Dome on a case by case basis. At minimum however we recommend that any future use of the Dome should not be trivial, likely to give offence to significant sections of society or bring the site into disrepute. At best the future use of the Dome would:

- have some resonance with the theme of the Millennium Experience ("Time to make the difference")
- use the structure of the Dome as built so as to safeguard the design integrity of the Dome structure; and
- be sustainable over the long-term.

42. It will be a challenge for developers to find a future use for the Dome which meets the financial, regeneration and practical criteria. It would

therefore be prudent to encourage a variety of imaginative uses even though they might not fit the ideal presentational use.

One competition or two?

43. We take it that Ministers' preference is for a future to be found for the Dome on site. Logically a competition could be run for proposals for the Dome in situ, and, only if this failed to attract proposals which met the criteria, would a second competition go ahead for use of the Dome elsewhere. There are however a number of disadvantages under this scenario:

- the process would take longer with the resulting continuation of the uncertainty;
- it would not allow profitable and exciting proposals for using the Dome elsewhere to be considered at all if there was a satisfactory proposal for using the Dome on site;
- it does not fully meet the Green Book criteria for assessing all realistic options; and
- if there were no satisfactory proposals for using the Dome on site emerging from the first competition, it might prove embarrassing without the saving grace of alternatives in place for use of the Dome elsewhere.

44. On balance, we recommend one competition which will provide maximum flexibility. However will need to make clear Ministers' preference for the Dome to remain on site in the development brief for the competition so that bidders are aware that they are not playing on a level field. The 2 stage process recommended in Annex D for the combined competition will allow a balanced selection of proposals to progress to the final stage.

Timing

45. Annex D sets out a suggested timetable for the competition with a launch in January 1999, a decision in summer 1999 and the start of redevelopment in January 2001. A lot of work would need to be done in preparing the development brief and this would have to be done by people already heavily loaded with delivering projects on Greenwich. The timing would provide decisions in sufficient time for potential residents for the Millennium Village and minimise downtime for the Dome site. It would provide certainty for all concerned at the earliest possible date.

46. The only disadvantage is that any developer wishing to take over the Millennium Experience would not have the fuller information on receipts which would be available a year later. Sufficient information would be available on the costs of continuing the Experience in private hands

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including the costs of running the Experience itself and the "takeover costs" equivalent to the £80 million financial hurdle set out in para 28. Information on receipts would become gradually available as customers booked for the Experience but it would be mid 2000 before the forecasts could be reasonably firm. If the competition was to be delayed, there would be little advantage in delaying for a few months; the decision is whether to go for mid 1999 or mid 2000.

47. Delaying the competition therefore depends on:

- how far the Millennium Experience remains the most likely candidate for a future use of the Dome against the criteria, and
- how far the continuation of the Experience would be welcomed as the legacy use of the Dome.

48. We are not able to answer these questions in advance of the Experience and the competition. However a continuation of the Experience seems increasingly unlikely without major revision to the content. This, and the fact that attendance in 2000 may provide little basis for assessing attendance thereafter, suggests that information on Experience receipts may be largely irrelevant to a bid for its continuation. Our recommendation, on balance, would be to go with the timetable at Annex D.

Running the competition

49. Under its Financial Memorandum, EP has responsibility for decisions on the Dome site, with the approval of DETR. NMEC has responsibility for disposal of the Dome structure and contents, with the approval of DCMS and the Millennium Commission. In practice, a competition covering uses of the Dome on Greenwich and elsewhere would require comparative and complex appraisals of all the options cutting across Departments.

50. We recommend that EP carry out the competition involving NMEC and others as necessary, primarily as owners of the land but also as agents for other Government interests. They are best placed to draw up a co-ordinated development brief and carry out the appraisals.

51. We recognise however that the competition and the selection of the winning proposal is likely to be politically sensitive and require a balance between differing interests. We therefore recommend retaining the Working Group as a co-ordinating mechanism for Departmental interests. We can also ensure that Ministers are kept informed. EP may wish to seek advice externally eg from their retained consultants and the London Borough of Greenwich.

Conclusions

52. Our conclusions are that:

- i. Potential developers do not feel encouraged to express a serious interest because there are no clear criteria for developing proposals nor procedures for handling the expressions of interest;
- ii. Waiting for expressions of interest and deciding what to do in 2000 is a high risk strategy. We may find ourselves with nothing appropriate from which to choose, EP then having to put the site out to tender, and a long gap between the end of the Experience and development on the site.
- iii. Delaying a decision also causes uncertainty which is not helpful to NMEC nor to the development of the rest of the Peninsula;
- iv. It would therefore be sensible to set up a formal mechanism for promoting serious proposals and achieve an earlier resolution of the future of the Dome.

Recommendations

53. We therefore make the recommendations set out in para 3.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE DOME'S FUTURE USE	
London First:	To create an international convention centre in the Dome.
Snow Valley:	To create an undercover environment for outdoor winter sports, such as skiing and rock climbing.
Discovery Parks:	To move the Dome structure to the Midlands and use it as a leisure-park-style visitor attraction.
Sealand Housing Corp:	To provide a focus for Canadian/Chinese expatriots and to provide a permanent home for "Cirque du Soleil".
Robert Bourne & Assoc:	To develop the area for the research, development and encourage of small and medium sized businesses.
Technical Landscapes Ltd:	To create an educational visitor attraction covering the links between the environment and health.
London International Sport:	to use the Dome as a sports venue, including the Dome as part of a British Olympic bid for 2012. The English Sports Council have also indicated an interest in the Dome's future use

MAIN OUTPUTS FROM EP'S MASTERPLAN - WHOLE PENINSULA WITH AND WITHOUT DOME

Output	Without Dome	With Dome	Loss or Impact
Homes	5,000 units	3,865 units	1, 135 units
Jobs accommodated FTE	5,380	3,880	1,500
Commercial/Office	100,000 sq m	53,000 sq m	47,000 sq m
Employment/Industrial	20,000 sq m	20 hectares	Same
Leisure space (including multiplex and hotel)	3.2 hectares	20 hectares	High presence of mass leisure use over 16% of the site (more if mixed use development at Central Business District were also to include leisure)
Public open space	19 hectares	16 hectares	2.5 hectares lost including linear park between Millennium Park and Underground station
Community space	3,250 sq metres	3,250 sq metres	No loss of space because mainly located on southern site but viability of amenities would be put in doubt by loss of population density.



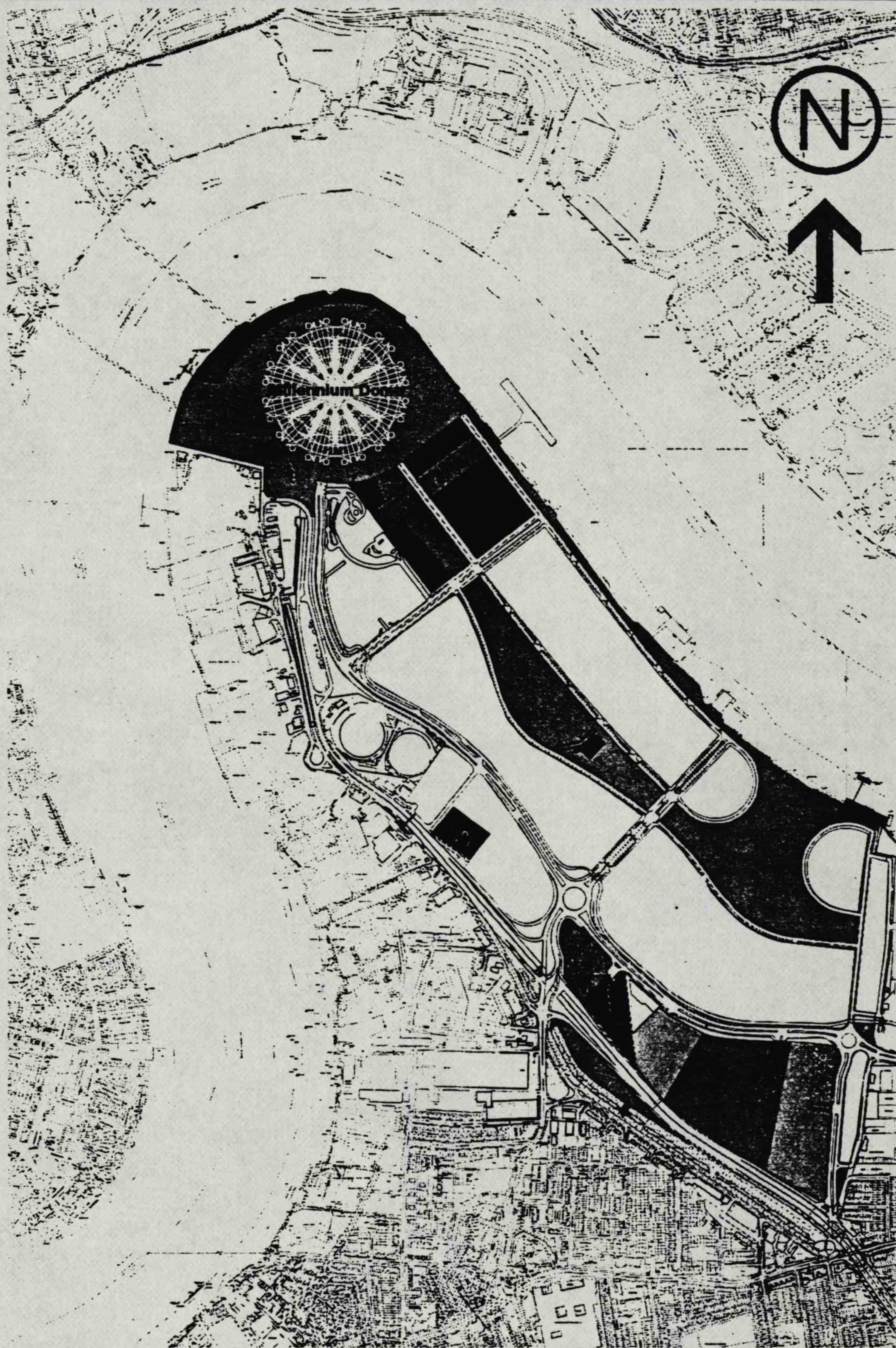
Greenwich Peninsula

Investing in the 21st Century

Land Use Plan

- Mixed Use (CBD, residential, retail, leisure)
- Residential (high density)
- Residential (low density)
- Leisure
- Hotel
- Employment
- Open Space
- Retail (non-food)
- Retail (food)
- Greenwich Yacht Club
- Jubilee Line Extension
- Existing Use

ANNEX C.



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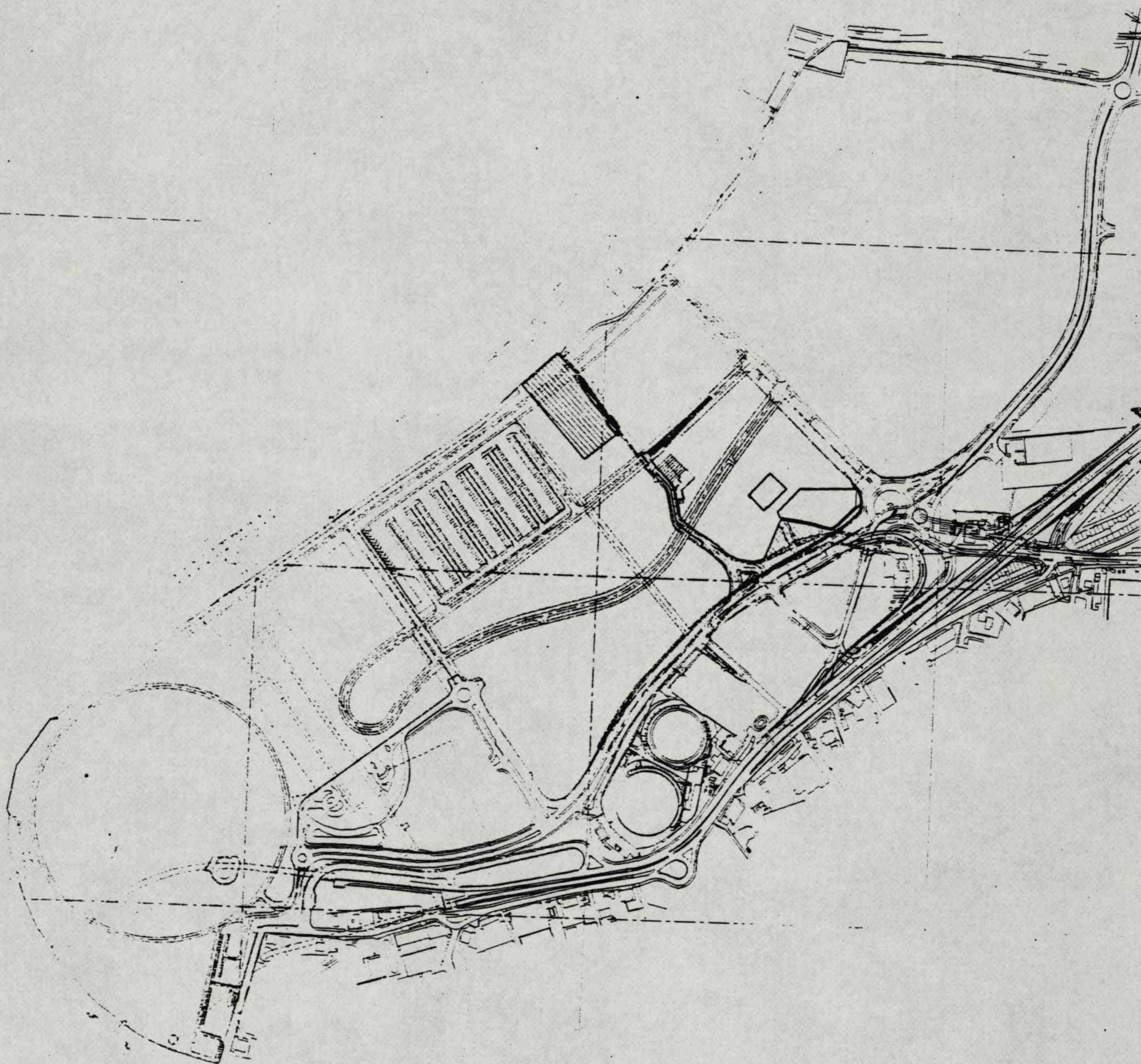
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THIS DRAWING IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GREENWICH SITE LAND OWNERSHIP PLAN

- KEY
- MFL LEASED AREA
 - RMC LAND OWNED
 - PUBLIC HIGHWAY
 - BRITISH GAS/TRANS. OPERATIONAL AREA
 - PILOT PUBLIC HOUSE
 - OTHER LAND TO BE ACQUIRED

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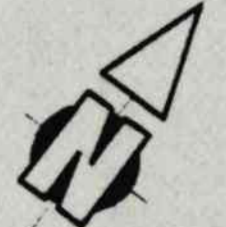
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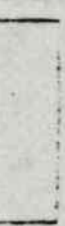


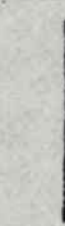
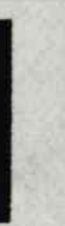

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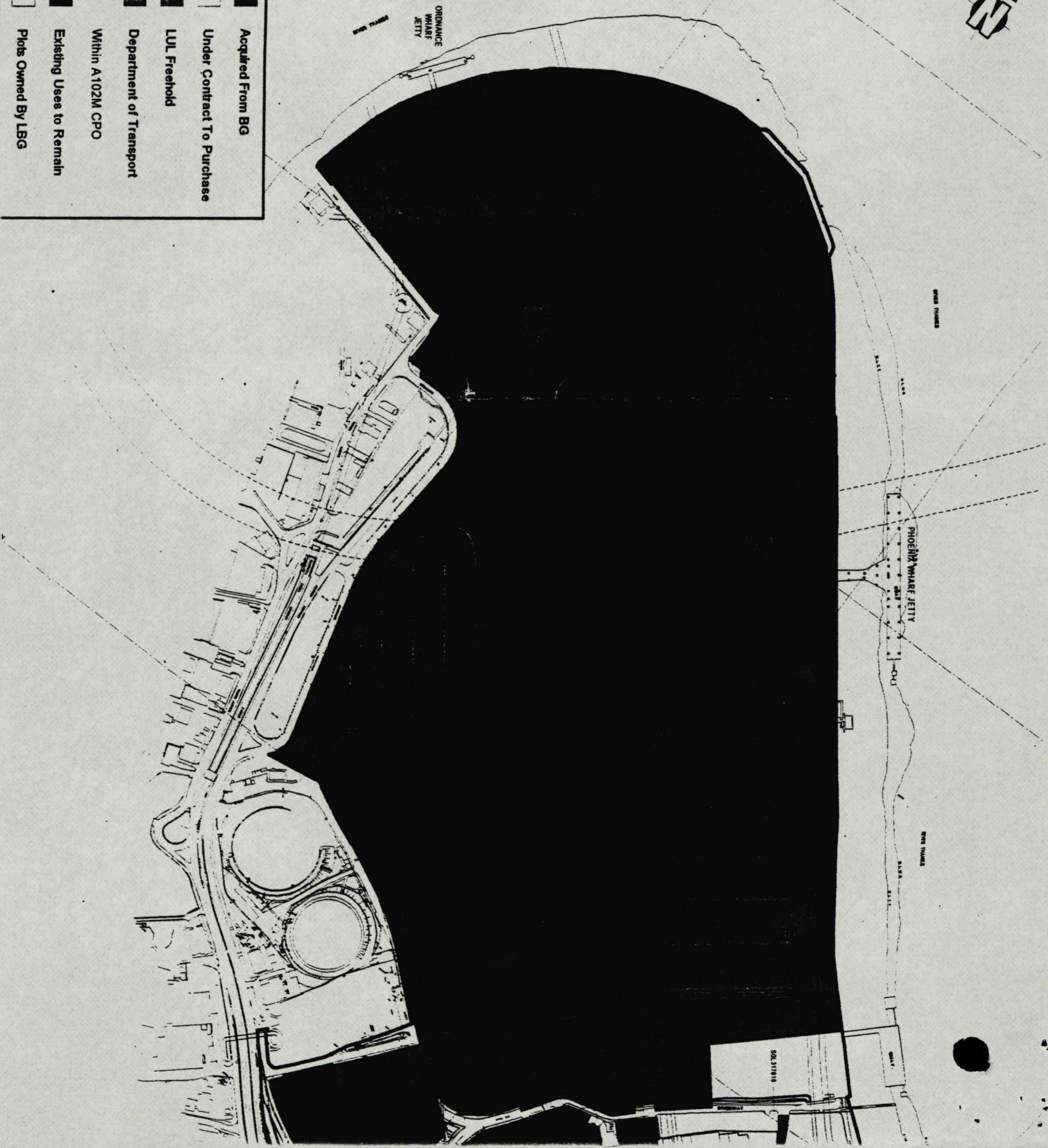
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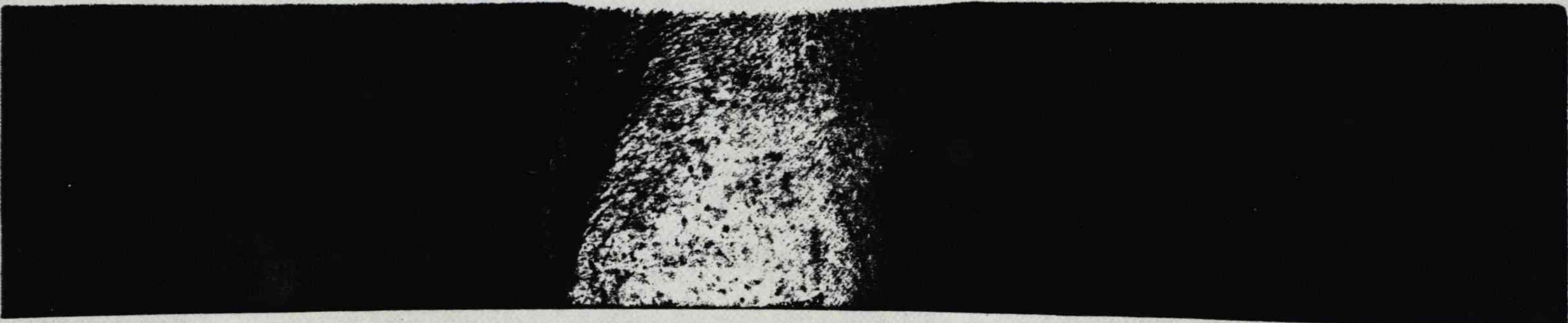
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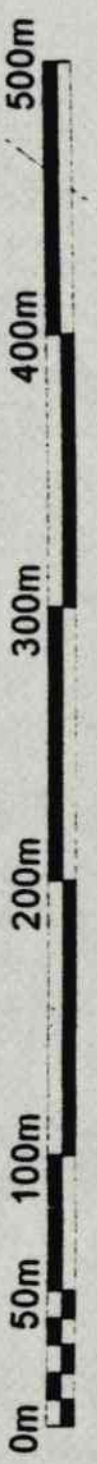
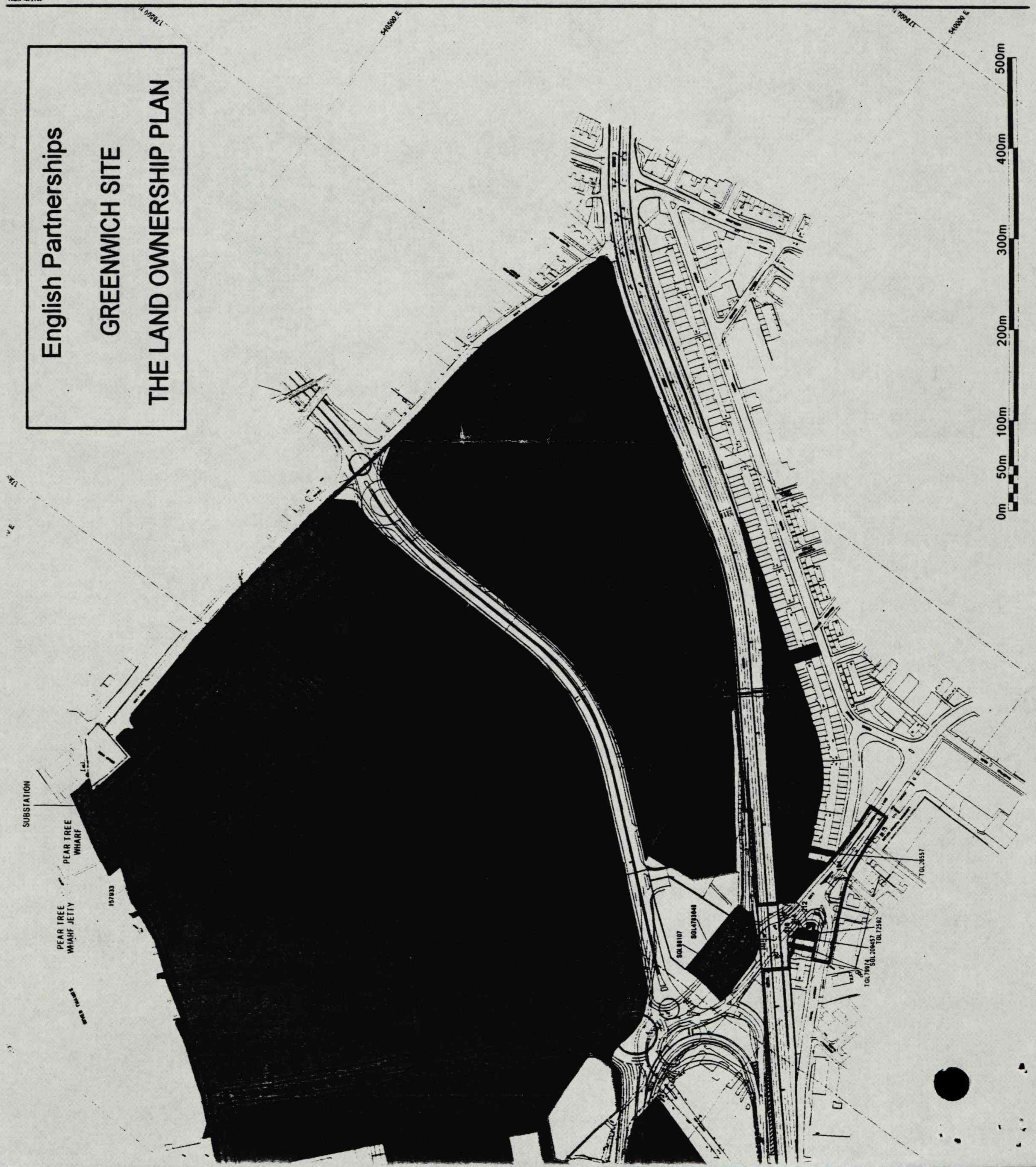




English Partnerships

GREENWICH SITE

THE LAND OWNERSHIP PLAN



January	Stage 1 of Dome use and development competition launched requiring interested parties to outline the nature of their proposal, their philosophy of approach and to qualify in terms of financial ability and personnel, including consultants to deliver their proposals.
27 January 1999	End of stage 1 of the competition for expressions of interest and pre-qualifying criteria.
Early March 1999	Selection of stage 2 shortlist, possibly up to 10 in number.
Mid March 1999	Stage 2 competition initiated with detailed brief and associated comments.
30 June 1999	Stage two of competition ends
31 July 1999	Proposal and developer selected.
31 December 1999	Legal commitment entered into with developer and planning application submitted.
31 June 2000	Planning permission granted.
31 September 2000	Tenders sought for refurbishment and construction works.
1 January 2001	Use of Dome ceases and long term regeneration including refurbishment of Dome and redevelopment commences.



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21 August 1998

Dear John

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

I have seen George Howarth's further letter to you of 10 August canvassing his revised proposal for extending licensing hours in England and Wales every New Year's Eve, beginning with the Millennium.

I advised in my letter of 27 July that I had no objections to George's earlier proposal to consult on a blanket extension to 4 a.m. each New Year. Similarly I do not object to his revised plan. However I do not think that the new proposal to widen the extension to 12 hours affects the Scottish position. Therefore, for the reasons set out in my earlier letter, I do not propose similar action in Scotland.

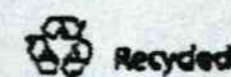
I remain interested to see the results of the proposed consultation exercise and know that my officials are liaising with their Home Office colleagues on this matter.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of HS and the LG Committee, Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.

Yours
Henry McLeish

HENRY McLEISH

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From: Angus Lapsley
Date: 21 August 1998

Prime Minister

cc: Jonathan Powell

MILLENNIUM COMMISSIONER

One consequence of David Clark moving on is that you have to appoint a new Government member of the Millennium Commission. The Commission is responsible for allocating the stream of lottery money earmarked for the Millennium Celebrations, including the Dome, but mainly other projects around the country. Chris Smith chairs it, Michael Heseltine is the Opposition's representative and there needs to be one more Government member.

David Clark was chosen on the basis that his predecessor had done it and the neutrality of being a Cabinet Office Minister would help. In practice, he did not make much of the role, with Chris Smith doing most of the running.

Logically, there are two frontrunners:

- **Jack Cunningham** has the strongest case on paper, since he has taken over Clark's role in Government. He was also Labour's member before May 97, though this is not necessarily a bonus, since he attracted a lot of attention for his opposition to the Dome. As yet he has expressed no enthusiasm for taking over the seat, which is not to say that he might not bridle at the prospect of someone else doing it. My guess is that he would not devote a great deal of time to it;

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- **Charlie Falconer** is located in the right place and though not as senior as Jack, he might bring some fresh thinking into the role. I think that you were impressed by the range of non-Dome activity going on around the country when I showed you the Commission's annual report and Charlie might have the time and energy to get on with some more serious publicity work.

Chris is angling for Charlie (A). Richard has suggested Jack (B), though in terms that suggest that he thinks it would be a way of giving some more weight to Jack's post.

My own view is that ultimately we can get away with the post continuing to be of little relevance, but if you wanted to make more something of it, Charlie would be the right person. That said, appointing Jack would be administratively simpler. A lot depends on how much other work you have planned for them.

Neither have been sounded out yet. Would you like me to, or are you content to just plump for one or the other?

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Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service

From the Private Secretary

ANGUS LAPSLEY

MILLENNIUM COMMISSION

You sought Sir Richard's advice on who should succeed David Clark as a member of the Millennium Commission. I understand that the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has said that he would favour someone who has the time to devote to the work of the Commission. For that reason, he wondered whether the Minister of State, Cabinet Office, Lord Falconer would be a good candidate.

2. Assuming we want this task to remain in the Cabinet Office (and there is no reason why not) the choice lies between Lord Falconer and Dr Cunningham. With the departure of Freedom of Information to the Home Office, Dr Cunningham is likely to have more time to devote to other business and, for this reason, Sir Richard sees merit in assigning the task to him. Having said that, it depends very much on the distribution of workloads between the two Ministers and, as you know, this has not yet been finalised. If the Prime Minister is likely to want to use Dr Cunningham for a lot of tasks associated with the co-ordination and presentation of policy, it might be more sensible to assign membership of the Millennium Commission to Lord Falconer.
3. The only other point to note is that whoever is chosen will have to be reminded that they must avoid any conflict of interest between their membership of the Commission and anything else they are doing in a private or constituency capacity. I doubt that there will be a problem, but it is better to be safe than sorry.

Jan Polley

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31 July 1998



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30 July 1998

Dear Angus

MILLENNIUM COMMISSION: APPOINTMENT OF SECOND GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONER

I am writing as you suggested to say formally that my Secretary of State would be grateful if the Prime Minister would give sympathetic consideration to the appointment of Lord Falconer to the second of the two posts for Government Ministers on the Millennium Commission. The post is now vacant following David Clark's departure. The appointment is, as you know, formally one made by the Queen.

i am copying this to Jan Polley in Sir Richard Wilson's office, and to Robin Young and Clare Pillman here.

Yours

Tony

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From the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
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20 August 1998

Dear George,

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 10 August to John Prescott in which you outline the proposal to go out to consultation on a deregulation order which would extend normal licensing hours for a twelve hour period every New Year's Eve beginning with New Year's Eve 1999.

In view of the difficulties you describe in taking the Private Member's Bill route and the unlikelihood of securing a legislative slot for primary legislation, I am content with your proposal as it now stands.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Jack Cunningham, Members of HS and LEG Committee, to Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.

Yours ever
Chris

CHRIS SMITH



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17 August 1998

LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

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I have seen George Howarth's letter to you of 10 August in which he seeks colleagues' views on his proposal to consult publicly about a deregulation order to extend normal licensing hours for a twelve hour period every New Year's Eve, beginning with the Millennium.

As expressed in my letter of 29 July, the Department of Health's principal concern would be to ensure that any extension to normal licensing hours would not significantly encourage irresponsible alcohol consumption or lead to increased public health and social problems.

George intends to explore "the potential for noise and nuisance during the period of relaxation" during the consultation process and will ensure that all interested will have the opportunity to register their views. I have no objection to the Home Office going out to public consultation on this revised proposal, but will have to take careful account of the views expressed before deciding on our final course of action.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Jack Cunningham, members of HS and LEG committees, Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Council.

FRANK DOBSON

MESSAGE FROM GEOFF BROWN - HOME OFFICE - 273 3701 - RE MILLENIUM.

Geoff Brown rang hoping to speak to Liz Lloyd. He deals with liquor licensing. There are proposals to relax the licensing hours for the Millennium holiday.

George Howarth and colleagues had suggested pubs should stay open until **4am**.

The PM says he thinks they **shouldn't shut at all overnight** on New Year's Eve.

George Howarth is now consulting colleagues again.

X/ Lawyers say that if the opening hours are **changed for one New Year's Eve they have to be changed for each subsequent NYE** - it can't just be a on-off arrangement.

No.10 Press Office are pressing Departments to **issue Press Statements next week** regarding arrangements for the Millenium. Mr Brown says that his Department is not in a position to do this at the moment due to the present uncertainties.

Grateful if you could contact him please.

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(ext 3067)

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*Do you know anything about this?
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Philip
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I spoke to Linda
in Howarth's office,
after speaking to
Godric. No pressure
from press side here

to make best announcements if policy not signed off yet. Their deadline for colleagues is next Tuesday. we can consider how + when to announce
Rob 18/8



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Your Reference MWP/2655

11 August 1998

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Dear Jack

MILLENNIUM EXPERIENCE: CHILDREN'S PROMISE

Peter Mandelson copied to me his letter of 1 June to John Prescott. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I was very interested to hear about this new initiative which, I agree, has the potential to bring the whole nation together in common purpose to make a difference. It is important that we get it right if we are to make the most of this unique opportunity.

I believe that the funds should go to projects which are measurably part of the Millennium celebrations and not just to supplement the general funds of children's charities. One example of a Millennium project might be to fund a children's playground in every community. We need to ensure that the fund is not used as a substitute for mainstream public provision and addresses the issue of additionality. This fund should complement activities already underway such as the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Award.

It is also important that the fund reaches a spread of projects which are targeted at those children in most need. Used this way it could make a real difference to children denied a fulfilling childhood as the result of abuse, abandonment, poverty, disability or accident. We should also explore the possibility of allocating some of the funding to developing countries.

Finally, whilst the involvement of the group of charities and Marks and Spencer is welcomed, we need to be clear about the extent of Government's involvement.



Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, members of HS, Robin Cook, Clare Short and to Sir Richard Wilson.

With best wishes

David Blunkett

DAVID BLUNKETT

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LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

Summary

A number of alternative ways of proceeding have been put forward. In the light of these it is now proposed to go out to consultation on a deregulation order which would extend normal licensing hours for a twelve hour period every New Year's Eve, beginning with the Millennium.

Several colleagues responded to my letter of 15 July, about extending licensing hours for the Millennium holiday, by proposing alternative ways of proceeding.

I agree with Geoff Hoon, Chris Smith and Peter Mandelson that primary legislation would be the ideal route to deliver the original idea of a complete relaxation during New Year's Eve 1999 and New Year's Day 2000. As I indicated in my letter, I was not advocating a Government Bill simply because of the pressure on our legislative programme. As no other colleague has proposed this, I conclude that this would not have general support.

In principle, a Private Member's Bill, as proposed by Chris and supported by Peter, is an attractive option. I have looked again at this, but have concluded against it because it could not be relied on to deliver. As we have seen recently, even as respectable a measure as Paul Truswell's Bill to close a gap on selling alcohol to children, which had all-party support, could not make sufficient progress. A measure on the Millennium would attract hostile attention from entrenched opponents of relaxing the licensing regime: the very strong lobbies in Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea, for example, would be bound to put up someone to oppose it, in the same way as they did for the Private Member's Bill on Sunday dancing.

There is therefore a very strong chance that a Private Member's Bill would be lost. But by the time that happened, we should almost certainly not have time to get through the deregulation route.

Our conclusion is still that the best option is the deregulation order-making process. As I understand it, questions of the vires of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act do not arise as long as the same provision is made on a regular, as opposed to a one-off, basis.

The judgement is therefore what would be generally acceptable. My proposal of a general 4am closing time was based on the likelihood of opposition increasing in relation to the length of the relaxation. Arguments about inconvenience and noise, which would have less force for a one-off thousand-year occasion, would have correspondingly much more bite in relation to annual arrangements.

The Prime Minister has now indicated that his preference would be to see a 12 hour relaxation for the Millennium, continued as an annual New Year event. One of the advantages of doing this would be to restore the lifting of the burden of large numbers of individual applications for extensions of hours made by licensees to the licensing courts, which was the essence of the original idea.

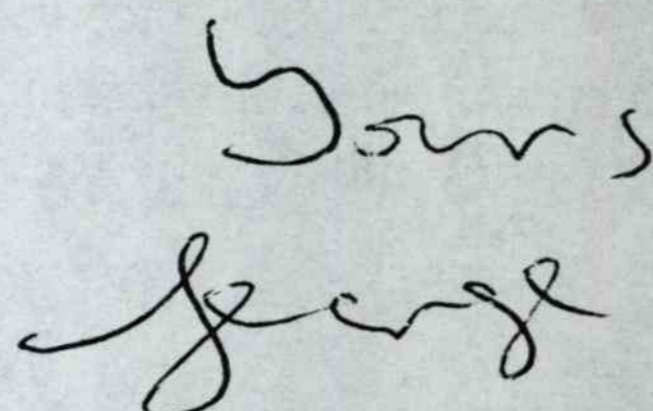
The acceptability of any proposal can be gauged from responses to the statutory public consultation. The risk is that consultation might produce a significant amount of opposition. We have no means of knowing the likely response: it could be overwhelmingly in favour, but experience has shown that opposition is more easily mobilised in licensing matters; certainly such opposition as there is is likely to be pretty vocal. To avoid confusing the message and the response, I do not favour consulting on more than one clear option. The public consultation on permitted hours in 1995 produced a very mixed outcome by canvassing several propositions.

If the outcome of the consultation was tilted against the proposal, we should then have to decide whether to press ahead or drop the idea. Pressing ahead might bring problems in persuading the Deregulation Committees that necessary protections were being adequately maintained. On the other hand, it would not be easy to back-track at a later stage: industry already thinks there should be a Government Bill to deliver this relaxation, and they would argue that expectations had been raised to the point where the Government was obliged to find a way of implementing the proposal.

If colleagues are otherwise content, those decisions can be taken in the light of the outcome of the consultation. Are colleagues content with the proposal of a deregulation order which would provide for an annual period of 36 hour licensing (from 11am on 31 December to 11pm on 1 January) every New Year?

Could I ask for responses by 24 August.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Jack Cunningham, Members of HS and LEG Committees, Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.



GEORGE HOWARTH

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LICENSING HOURS FOR THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY

Thank you for your letter of 15 July to John Prescott, proposing that a deregulation order be made to relax licensing hours annually, to 4 am every New Year. I am sorry not to have met your deadline for a response, but this is to let you know that I am content with the proposal.

I have seen Chris Smith's response of 31 July, agreeing to the course of action you have put forward but proposing, additionally, that a private member's bill be pursued to suspend licensing hours altogether for a 12-hour period during New Year 1999/2000. I note that during the consultation exercise carried out by your officials, the licensed trade strongly backed this option. I agree with Chris's view that a 12-hour suspension is achievable through private member's legislation.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of HS and LEG Committees, Sir Richard Wilson and First Parliamentary Counsel.

John Prescott

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