



LONDON REGION

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Dear Felicity,

I'm writing on behalf of the groups and individuals present at the London Independent Sector meeting hosted by IFVPA on 6 February 1989 (a list of those attending the meeting is enclosed).

Discussion at that meeting was wide-ranging and overall quite constructive, although it needs to be continued, and IFVPA are willing to co-ordinate that. Two concrete proposals have emerged so far, which are as follows.

Firstly, we feel that it would be useful for the consultants to look beyond questions concerning the best and most rational use of grant aid, and to consider also the best way for the sector to pursue entirely new sources of funds. One or two ideas about how to do this emerged at the meeting, and it would be useful for us to discuss this further with Russell Southwood. However, for this question to be pursued thoroughly, we feel it would be necessary for the brief of the consultancy to be formally extended.

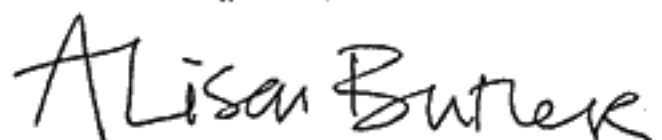
Secondly, given our increasing level of realism about future prospects and the invaluable knowledge that we possess as hands-on practitioners, we feel that we have more to contribute to the development of strategy than the consultation procedure to date has facilitated. Since the crucial stages of the policy-formulating process will be the writing of the final draft and discussions about implementation, we would like to be given an opportunity to comment at these stages. If you are agreeable to this proposal, we would suggest the following arrangement:

1. We would like to receive the document at draft stage.
2. We would like to re-convene the meeting of 6/2/89, two weeks after receipt of the draft report, in order to discuss it.
3. We would like to be represented at a meeting with the

consultants, GLA, LBGS and the BFI at which we can discuss future strategy/implementation. The agenda could be jointly set, and we would table a written response to the report. We would suggest that this meeting should take place 4-6 weeks after receipt of the draft report, if that can be accommodated by the existing timetable.

I hope that you can agree to some or all of this, or at least, will be open to discussion of these points. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Butler". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alison Butler

cc: Russell Southwood
Irene Whitehead
Colin Wright