

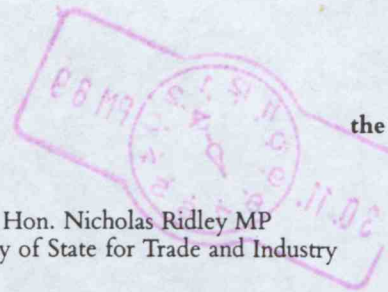
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*Dear Chris*

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BILL : RECYCLING**

Your letter of 23 November to Sir Geoffrey Howe invited colleague's agreement to the inclusion in the Bill of supplementary references to recycling.

I warmly welcome your proposals as a useful and necessary signal to local authorities and disposal contractors alike to give serious consideration to recycling as an alternative to traditional disposal options.

I recognise that the Bill itself can deal with recycling in only the most general terms. I understand that your Department will be preparing further guidance to local authorities as to how much weight to give to the benefits of recycling and other environmental considerations when assessing disposal options and I hope that my officials can be closely involved in this process.

We will, of course, need to consider carefully whether the signals you propose, together with rising landfill costs, will provide enough of a stimulus to potential recyclers; but this, I accept, is more for your White Paper next autumn.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H Committee and to Sir Robin Butler.

*John Major*

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