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Dear Mr Sutton

### RURAL RECOVERY PROGRAMME

Further to your letter of the 15 July 2002, Halton Borough Council's Area Panel can be assured that applications from initiatives in qualifying wards will not be excluded from the Rural Recovery Programme.

The Panel will need to be informed of the criteria used by the North West Development Agency for the targeting of resources. The following spatial targets are identified in the Guidance Notes for the delivery of resources within the three County areas of Cumbria, Lancashire and Cheshire (including Warrington and Halton):-

- Wards with a population of less than 5 per hectare
- Market towns
- Projects in urban areas which benefit rural communities.

Hale and Daresbury are the only two wards in the Halton area that qualify under this criteria, although there is also scope to provide assistance to Projects in urban areas which benefit rural communities.

I hope this helps to address the issues you have raised and provides the assurances that you were seeking. I will be happy to clarify any further points if you wish to discuss the programme.

Yours sincerely

Rural Affairs Officer



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