



Industrial Communities Alliance

The all-party association campaigning on behalf of local authorities
in the industrial areas of England, Scotland and Wales

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Dear Jonathan,

Industrial Strategy

I'm attaching a short booklet – *Ten Steps to Revive British Industry: proposals for a Labour government* – which I hope will be of interest to you and your colleagues.

I chair the Industrial Communities Alliance – the association of local authorities in the older industrial areas of England, Scotland and Wales. As you might expect, our authorities have long experience of rebuilding local economies in the wake of years of job loss. The proposals in the booklet are rooted in discussions at regional and national meetings over a long period and I'm confident that they command wide support,

We're aware that the government's intention is to publish a Green Paper on Industrial Strategy at or around the time of the Budget. This is welcome news. The proposals in our booklet aim to build on the commitments in Labour's manifesto and to flesh out some of the details needed in several policy areas. We trust you will give the proposals serious consideration.

Please be aware that we will be copying the booklet to a number of your ministerial colleagues and to Labour MPs from our areas.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Keith Cunliffe
National Chair