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*Dear Sheila,*

**London First Regeneration Task Force Meeting, 30 April 2003**

I am delighted to invite you to the next Regeneration Task Force meeting which will take place over supper at Halifax Bank of Scotland, 33 Old Broad Street, EC2 at 7pm on Wednesday 30 April.

Our hosts are Ms Ceri Richards, Head of Housing Finance and Ms Elizabeth Austerberry, Director of New Products, Housing Finance, Bank of Scotland, and our principal guest is Mr Joe Montgomery, Director General, Neighbourhood Renewal Unit in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for Mr Montgomery to discuss the work of the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit in London. It will also enable Task Force members to engage directly in a debate on how businesses can best assist in the successful delivery of Neighbourhood Renewal Strategies in the 20 most disadvantaged boroughs in London, focussing on employment and economics, education and skills, housing, health and crime.

We will also review progress on Task Force initiatives, including:

- 'Housing London' project
- LTRP project (alternative funding vehicles for regeneration)
- Neighbourhood Renewal – business engagement
- Bringing forward brownfield sites

The Task Force will commence with drinks at 7pm and finish at 9.30pm prompt. I very much hope you will be able to come along and contribute to the discussions, and would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by completing and returning the enclosed faxback form or by email to: jkendall@london-first.co.uk.

I look forward to seeing you on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

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