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MAKE LABOUR PARTY

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Dianne Hayter

Dear Dianne Hayter

A web-tool for transparent Labour Party policy making

The new committee of Save the Labour Party met in Blackpool last weekend also asked me to write to you about a web-based facility for transparent policy-making.

We offered this to the Party through your predecessor, Mike Griffiths before the 2007 Annual Conference, and put a 'hidden' demonstration up on the web at:

<http://www.commentonthis.com/brownplan>

We suggested such facilities should be made available on Membersnet, rather than openly on the World Wide Web.

With the current round of policy deliberations coming to a close and documents due to be drafted and sent out to members immediately after the May elections, we would ask the NEC to take the necessary steps to enable this to happen. STLP recommends that the Party enable affiliates, Branch and CLP secretaries to file amendments, comments, and alternatives separately from individuals. This would enable some empirical research to be conducted to test the results against representative measures of opinion on key policy issues.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that this proposal is referred to the relevant sub-committee for more detailed consideration.

We believe such facilities if made available to members could help rebuild confidence in the Party's policy-making processes. We would be happy to put officials in touch with the developer to discuss its possible use by the Party.

Yours sincerely

Peter Kenyon