

Caroline,

SofS has seen your/Lord Warner's note and commented that if you really believe an independent commentary is worth it and affordable, then she is content. However, she feels that it will fuel rather than deflect calls for a public enquiry - which we are absolutely right not to do.

Lord Warner's view is that this is really your call as it is your policy area. He does not think the calls for a public inquiry will go away whatever we do but thinks an independent commentary on all the papers available will help to resist a public inquiry - he still thinks the commentary is worth doing if the money is available.

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4/8/6

How much would
it cost + what
length of
time would it
take?

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