

PRIME MINISTER

The Home Office have just informed me that Merseyside police will be staging a major operation tomorrow morning. They will be enforcing search warrants on the offices and homes of a large number of Liverpool politicians, including Derek Hatton. There have been allegations of serious improprieties in the sale of land and issue of planning consents by Liverpool City Council. A large number of officers will be involved and it is likely the story will break on the news bulletins tomorrow morning.

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