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Dear Anna

I understand that SERIO have sent you under separate cover their submission in response to your interim findings. I am writing to express my hope that you will pay particular attention to the points which they make.

I would simply add two further points in support of the general argument which they outline.

1. On tourism, allowance is made in various funding formula for public services recognising the number of tourists to the South West (and elsewhere) usually by means of counting "bed nights".
2. The South West has recently been designated the first low carbon economic zone – it will therefore be contributing (in the main from the base of our significant coastal environment) towards reducing the country's carbon emissions. We will be a net contributor to the country's effort on this. There is perhaps therefore an additional argument to recognise the deficit arising from the burden of water, and related environmental issues, **on** our sub regional economy as a quid pro quo.

I have previously submitted a report giving the views of my constituents and I now commend to you the report prepared by SERIO.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Gilroy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Linda Gilroy MP

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