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Dear Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP,

I am writing to let you know that the government will be responding to the consultation on Highly Protected Marine Areas.

The sites we intend to designate have been selected using ecological, social and economic criteria, and informed by the views and evidence gathered as part of the consultation process.

The government has considered the responses carefully, including your representations made on behalf of your constituents. We recognise the strength of feeling surrounding the Lindisfarne proposal and are grateful for the views and evidence which the community so clearly shared with us.

The government intends to designate the North East of Farnes Deep and slightly modified versions of the Allonby Bay and Dolphin Head sites.
The government will not designate Lindisfarne or Inner Silver Pit South sites.

The government will be considering further sites to become pilot HPMA's during the year.

Yours sincerely,