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Dear Mr Cliff,

With the regular updates I have received over the last few months and my searches into the Examination Library, I am acutely aware of the complexity of the work you and your team are undertaking as you examine the proposed Morecambe Bay windfarms proposal.

Like so many who have raised objections, I am not instinctively opposed to the development of alternative energy sources to secure the UK's future, but this project seems fundamentally flawed. In February of this year I had an article published in The Shooting Times which documented the impact of the cabling route on my shoot which I have developed over the last fifteen years. I posed the question how "green" is this major infrastructure project?

It is fair to say that my small shoot (which follows the Code of Good Shooting Practice and contributes to conservation) is a minor matter when set against the impact of the project on the livelihoods of many farmers and communities in what is a very rural area.

I now learn that further investigative work along the cable route is to commence on August 4th and continue until October 21st. This will impact on my shoot with disturbance to my birds and access issues as I fulfil my daily gamekeeping duties.

So, why I write to you personally is to document an insignificant personal matter which I believe is symbolic, a microcosm, of the many, many consequences of a flawed project on the lives of so many people which at a personal level will be lost in the massively bureaucratic and legalistic process over which you have oversight and responsibility. Consider please the human cost.

Yours faithfully

