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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 10 October advising that the Petitions Committee has received and considered two petitions relating to the consultation on Marine Conservation Zones. I note that there is a petition of 586 signatures opposing the potential site options in Pembrokeshire and another petition of 298 signatures in support of the approach to highly protected sites.

The consultation exercise generated a high number of detailed responses raising strong and often conflicting views. Earlier this week I announced a period of additional work to reflect on and fully explore the information received to inform how we move ahead with Marine Conservation Zones in Wales. A task and finish team is being created to do this work and it will report to me with its findings in April 2013.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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