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Coastal and Marine National Park

Dear Ms. Milne,

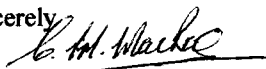
Sorry I wasn't able to accept your invitation to attend the consultation meeting in Inverness on 14th Dec. It would have meant leaving home at 7:30am, on a winters morning, so your consultation programme doesn't suit us..

However we have received the info from our area development manager and it has been circulated to my council members, and the response has been negative to a coastal and Marine National Park on the North Skye Coast and Wester Ross.

One of our members has lived in a National Park in England and he states "National Parks are a disaster for residents that live there; the dead hand of ignorant dogmatic and distant jobsworths will prove worse than any laird"?

Another member says "Do we really want to negotiate another layer of beaurocracy every time a Marine/Coastal development is pursued. We already have to deal with the local authority; Harbour authority; Crown Estates; SNH; SEPA; Crofting Interests and Landlords etc? I agree with both comments.

Yours Sincerely,



Charlie M. MacRae
Chairman Plockton and District
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