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Dear Mr Brown,

I would like to respond to this consultation as follows:

Question 1.

I enthusiastically **agree** with the proposal to establish a Marine Reserve in Lamlash Bay,

Question 2.

Scientific studies of highly protected marine areas worldwide demonstrate that there will be great benefits to the entire ecosystem, examples include Goat Island and a number of other reserves in New Zealand, Lundy, the Isle of Man closed areas and the result of the closure of the Labrador Cod fishery.

I have taken part in a Visit Scotland wildlife course on Arran and was impressed by the quality of tourist accomodation on the island, and the need to continue to attract tourists. I believe that the proposal would have great benefits to tourism and hope that there will be more highly protected marine areas throughout Scotland.

Question 3.

I feel that this is a very small area to protect, but a very good start, and that it is essential that the protected area is permanently closed to all forms of mobile gear fishing.

I am responding on behalf of Sealife-adventures and I agree to having my details and response available to the public and give permission for Scottish Government policy teams to contact me.

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