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Dear Sir

CLOSURE OF SWANSEA COASTGUARD STATION

On behalf of all Councillors on the City and County of Swansea, we wish to seriously object to the way in which the announcement was made of the closure of the Swansea Coastguard Station.

It has become quite clear that the decision was made on the back of strong political lobbying and very little accurate factual information. It also ignores the station's unique geographical position.

The siting of Swansea Coastguard Station, with its wide views over the Bristol Channel, safeguards not just access to the port of Swansea itself, but Port Talbot, Cardiff, Newport, Gloucester, Bristol, Avonmouth and all other Bristol Channel ports, even as far south as Minehead and Appledore.

Given the huge shipping tonnage using Bristol Channel we find the decision inexplicable and totally unacceptable.

Yours faithfully



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