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*Dear Calum,*

Thank you for your correspondence dated 11/11/2015 regarding Marine Protected Area (MPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) management.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to offer your views with regards to getting the most out of our consultation processes.

Currently the process is such that the proposals will undergo an independent scientific review. At the same time we will make the proposals publicly available on the SG website. We would accept and consider any comments received up until we begin formal negotiations with Member States in the spring of 2016.

We consider this approach to be perfectly acceptable to ensure the proposed measures taken forward to the formal negotiations are robust and fit for purpose.

I trust this clarifies how the proposals are being considered and I am grateful for your views on the matter.

*Best with  
Richard*

RICHARD LOCHHEAD

