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Lesley Griffiths AM
Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs

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Ref: TYH/JFS/HM

Re: Razor Clams Llanfairfechan – illegal harvesting

Dear Cabinet Secretary, Lesley,

I am writing to you once more to highlight my ongoing and serious concerns regarding the harvesting and collection of razor clams at Llanfairfechan beach, North Wales.

This fishery has been closed, by your department, until the end of the year, for which I am most grateful. However, it has been raised to me by a number of local residents that harvesters continue to arrive and gather them in considerable and worrying quantities.

I understand from a constituent that on Sunday morning at least 12 were witnessed as harvesting at the low tide.

Given that the fishery closure means that this harvesting is now illegal, I would be grateful if you could confirm how your Department is working with North Wales Police to undertake regular and effective patrol of this area – particularly timed when the tide is lowest for efficiency.

Additionally, I would be much obliged if you could confirm as to what enforcement action is being taken against those who are harvesting – given the nature of the offence.

I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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