



T: 0845 774 1741  
E: scottish.ministers@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Mr Alan Reid MP  
House of Commons  
LONDON  
SW1A 0AA



Our ref: 2009/0021146  
July 2009

209

Dear Alan,

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 June expressing your constituents' concerns over the decision by Clydeport to allow Maersk to moor some container ships in Loch Striven. You also wrote to Lord Adonis, Secretary of State for Transport on this matter and I am also replying on his behalf as ports policy is a devolved matter for the Scottish Government.

I appreciate the local concerns of your constituents but this is a matter for Clydeport Operations Ltd in its role as the statutory harbour authority for Loch Striven and I have no locus to intervene in issues that fall within Clydeport's statutory functions. From enquiries made on my behalf of Clydeport Operations Ltd, I am confident that this matter is being handled in a sympathetic way. Clydeport has assured me that the lay ups will be controlled in accordance with recently updated industry guidelines and that environmental protection will be paramount.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind regards  
Stewart Stevenson

STEWART STEVENSON

