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Dear Mark,

As the official auditors for North Somerset Council, I would like you, as part of the annual audit report, to look at the Clevedon Seafront project.

This has now reached an apparent overspend of £1.1 million with a pledge to spend another £375,000 to repair the damage done.

This project was carried out this year in the face of widespread local and political opposition. There are questions about the competence of the officials involved and whether due process was followed. In any other organisation, heads would roll for such an appalling waste of public money.

Clevedon needs money spent on other infrastructure such as drainage and the Council has a funding shortage in key areas such as the provision of Special Educational Needs.

I am not suggesting that anything unlawful has occurred (which would allow you to instigate a specific investigation), but I do believe that this is a shocking waste of public money that warrants proper scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Liam Fox'.

**The Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP**  
**Member of Parliament for North Somerset**