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Dear Mrs. Jopson,

FUTURE POSITION OF HMP HAVERIGG

Thank you for your e-mail of 7 February sent to Lord Timpson, on behalf of Millom Town Council, where you were seeking reassurance that HMP Haverigg is not earmarked for closure. This is in light of the recent announcement that the land west of HMP Haverigg has been identified as a suitable site for the development of a new Geological Disposal Facility (GDF).

I appreciate this announcement can lead to speculation regarding the future position of HMP Haverigg, which can be particularly unsettling for its workforce.

While the selected land in South Copeland is owned and managed by the Ministry of Justice as part of the prison estate, I can reassure you that the future position of HMP Haverigg will not be affected by the potential development of a new GDF.

Thank you for taking the time to raise Millom Town Council's concerns about the future position of HMP Haverigg and I hope this letter provides reassurance to the Council and the prison's workforce.

Lord Timpson
Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending

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