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Dear Philip

### **MOD FACILITY, COULPORT**

I write in connection with complaints received from my constituents in the village of Ardentinny which lies across from Coulport on Loch Long.

Over the past week there has been some form of military exercise taking place at Coulport and my constituents have been disturbed by a series of loud bangs, the most recent of which on Thursday caused considerable alarm and shook buildings in the village.

Ardentinny has an ageing population who are particularly concerned at this frightening intrusion into their lives. They are also unhappy that no warning was given of either the exercise or the explosions and the community has been given no information during the week.

Clearly the authorities at Coulport are not working in a neighbourly manner and I do hope you will rectify that immediately.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With every good wish

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