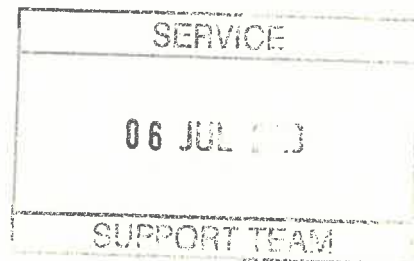




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Dear Mr Lambert

I refer to your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 concerning the motion passed by Carlisle City Council.

I was very surprised at the motion, as I had thought that the Labour Council's leadership were fully aware of the works that are going on, the preparatory work and assessments which have been undertaken by the Environment Agency, and the scope of the planned works over the next couple of years.

Clearly everyone in our city wants to ensure that appropriate additional defences are put in place as soon as possible which is why the Government has allocated £25 million to assist in the future defence of Carlisle. However, as the Council must be aware, it does unfortunately take time to make the appropriate assessments and put the work in place. This is very similar to post 2005 flood scenario.

I understand that the Environment Agency have responded to the motion with information about the work being undertaken.

Yours sincerely

  
John Stevenson MP