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Dear Mr Street,

Objection to the transfer of land ownership to the National Trust in Formby

Following the publication of a news item in the Formby Champion on Wednesday 8th March 2017 my wife and I would like to object to the disposal of land to the National Trust.

Although the article is scant in detail our objection lies in the restricted access and increased period and level of car parking charges that would need to be introduced for the National Trust to bring the Sefton owned property in line with it existing property at Formby.

Improvements are certainly needed at Formby Point and it is appreciated that cost cutting measures are required by local government but improvements need to be paid for and although the National Trust is a charity it does leverage charges and sites need to be financially viable for them to continue to be supported within their land portfolio.

We would ask that within your transfer of ownership agreement you negotiate a covenant for the residents of Sefton such that they would not now nor in the future be subject to any more onerous access restrictions or charges than presently in operation.

It should be remembered that the residents of Sefton have a right and many access this coast daily come winter or summer and not just on a sunny day in August. This part of the coast is a public amenity that many residents have contributed towards its conservation through local taxes over many years and passing it over to private ownership is unacceptable without the local residents received adequate compensation through continued free access in perpetuity.

Yours faithfully

Steve and Pam Gallimore