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Dear Mr King,

Thank you for copying me into your letter to Phil Woolas on the issue of coastal erosion and the recently reported Natural England proposals – I would be interested to see what response you get back.

My own understanding of the matter is that this idea to flood some of our coastline is one of several proposals to come out of a discussion workshop and is not even near approaching anything so concrete as a policy option.

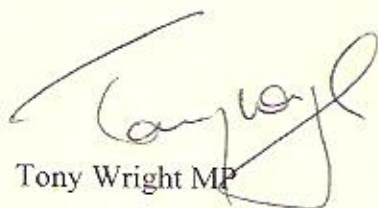
If it were, you can be assured I would fight against it tooth and nail, but in all honesty the proposal seems so preposterous to me that I would be shocked if it were ever to be considered as a serious way of managing our coastline.

What I am concerned about is the way in which Natural England, as well as the papers that have reported the story, have gone about their business.

The reporting of this story in the media would have you believe it is the Government's intention to release half of East Anglia to the sea, which I can assure you is not the case. This kind of sensationalist reporting is irresponsible and needlessly adds to the concerns of local residents. ITV do not believe their reporting was sensationalist, however I beg to differ, and will be making this known to them.

Please be assured that I am taking this issue very seriously and will be seeking meetings with Phil Woolas and Natural England to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Wright MP