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Professor Watson

in response to your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> September (which arrived on 9<sup>th</sup> September) I would make the following points:

- I feel no obligation to respond to your letter and am only doing so so that, when I make your letter public, people will be able to see my view on the points you attempt to make
- in particular I feel no obligation to have the slightest regard for your ill-defined and arbitrary 48-hour deadline and so have ignored it
- my Twitter account makes it clear that when I tweet it is as the Director of Friends of the Earth Scotland
- I would never venture to express an opinion as a SEPA Board member on Twitter
- SEPA has a clear and sensible set of rules regarding conflicts of interest, which I follow and have received training on
- I have always declared an interest if an issue FoE Scotland are actively working on appears in the agenda or papers of a SEPA Board meeting
- in the unlikely event that the SEPA Board were to have a detailed discussion of the current proposal from Dart Energy I would declare an interest and not take part in that discussion
- my role as Director of Friends of the Earth Scotland and as a Board member of SEPA are entirely separate and, in the former role, I will tweet whatever I judge useful in furthering our campaign ends
- I will certainly not be removing any tweets, in fact I will be placing your letter and this reply on our website and tweeting about them
- I will not be signing your bit of paper

Dr Richard Dixon - Director

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