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Mr C Chivers
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Dear Mr Chivers

NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES USE OF SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS

Thanks for your letter.

I would suggest you raise your concerns directly with the Royal Navy – if you have not already done so – as decisions on the deployment of the fleet including port visits are taken by the Navy and not local authorities. The Royal Navy Liaison Officer covering Southampton is: Commander W M Logan RN, and his address is: DNRO Eastern England, HMS President, 72 St Katherine's Way, London E1W 1UG.

The Navy are also best placed to explain to you the precise nature of the issue that has arisen in relation to HMS Tireless and the Trafalgar Class as a whole. The council would expect the Navy to be able to demonstrate that this issue does not signal any diminution in the paramount importance the Navy attaches to nuclear safety, nor to the effectiveness of the measures and systems it has in place to protect both crews and the public.

More particularly, I would expect the Navy to advise you that the issue affecting HMS Tireless did not constitute a "reactor accident" and that the Southampton Z Berth would not be used for repairs.

I have passed a copy of your letter to the Leader so that she is aware of your concerns.



John Cairns
Chief Executive

cc Leader of the Council
Commander W M Logan RN