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Dear Philip,

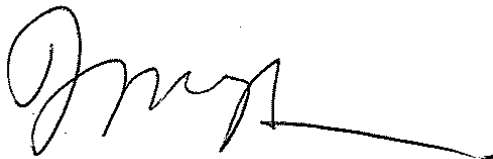
I was dismayed to hear that the Edinburgh Woollen Mill is considering moving its headquarters south of the border to Carlisle, and what this could mean for its current base in Langholm. Even more shocking is the fact that many employees only discovered this news when it was announced in the local paper.

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill has been vital part of Langholm's economy since it was founded in 1946. It is unthinkable that such an important Scottish brand would no longer be based in Scotland, and would consider relocating three hundred jobs south of the border at a time when Langholm is being decimated by the closure of its last mill, Border Fine Arts and the potential closure of the Eskdale and Liddesdale Advertiser.

I would be grateful if for the sake of my constituents in the town you would clarify what the future holds for the current Langholm base and the employees who work there.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



**Joan McAlpine**  
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