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Complete the letter to the editor with the sentences a-f. There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

NEWSHOUR

Extension of major motorway will not go ahead

The Public Works Department announced they have rejected private company MXT's proposal to extend the Northern Motorway. As the extension would have passed through the heart of the countryside, including Redwood Forest, environmental organisations strongly objected, claiming it would have destroyed local ecosystems.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your article concerning the Northern Motorway. ***1*** *___ Undoubtedly, the motorway extension would have been catastrophic for wildlife as well as local businesses.*

We are fortunate in this part of the country to be surrounded by breathtaking countryside. Shouldn't preserving it be our top priority? The proposed plan would have resulted in the area losing much of its natural beauty and with it, its appeal to visitors. ***2*** *___*

However, this would have been nothing compared to the impact on biodiversity. ***3*** *___ The new motorway would have only added to this, as huge numbers of wildlife would have lost their habitat and died.*

To sum up, it is very inspiring to see the government placing the protection of nature over development. ***4*** *___*

Yours truly,

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Leo Baxter

a. Indeed, small businesses like mine would have suffered due to a drop in tourism.

b. In this way, our beautiful countryside is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

c. Consequently, pollution levels would have risen.

d. Unfortunately, animal species are in decline across the country.

e. One obvious benefit of extending the motorway would be the reduction experienced in traffic congestion.

f. As the owner of a campsite close to Redwood Forest, I am overjoyed at the government's announcement.

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