



■ An artist's impression of the Swansea tidal lagoon

## Don't scrap the tidal lagoon plan

■ FRANCIS Butler's excellent letter (July 15) about the Swansea tidal lagoon energy generating project was timely, coinciding as it did with the government announcement about HS2.

The former is carefully costed whereas the latter is rapidly developing into the financial equivalent of a runaway train disaster.

We are constantly being reminded of the need to continue with austerity, at least as far as public services like the police, NHS, schools and the prison service are concerned.

Apparently this does not apply to grandiose projects like HS2.

If the Government declares that the Swansea project cannot be afforded, this will be a travesty, given the valuable employment opportunities and the environmental benefits and efficient energy production which it can provide.

If it does, I hope readers will let their MPs know how they feel about the national investment "plan". They might also feel inclined to question the Government's lack of transparency over the order for the American fighter planes (F-35B), also spiralling out of control, or the unusable Trident nuclear weapons system.