

Friends of Latchmore

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Dear Mr. May,

Latchmore stream restoration project: public concerns

I refer to my letter of 25 February on this subject. In addition, with reference to minute 2011/5826 of the meeting of 21 December 2011 of the Court of Verderers, we submit that the statement therein that “the consensus of opinion is that the works should go ahead” is false. We can produce numerous witnesses who were present at the site meeting and walk on 27 November 2011 who can confirm that there was then (and is now) no such consensus in favour of these works.

We therefore also submit that

- 1) the decision of the Verderers to support the scheme was based on erroneous information and is therefore unsound and should be set aside
- 2) the matter should be reconsidered in the light the high level of public concern about the project, and the lack of a site-specific Environmental Impact Assessment or any comparative analysis of its risks and benefits.

Yours sincerely,



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