

# Friends of Latchmore

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To: Mr Bill Dow, Chair, Hyde Parish Council  
Cc: Councillors & Parish Clerk

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Dear Bill,

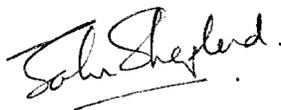
You will recently have received copies of Kevin Penfold's letter to me of 30 April, and my reply of 3 May. You will also now have had a chance to study our critical analysis of the Forestry Commission's Q&A document, which at your last meeting you appeared to consider was an adequate response to the 25 questions that we put to them on 25 February (copies are attached in case these have not already been circulated). As you will now know from our analysis of this document, it answers none of them satisfactorily, and 20 of them not at all.

You must now be as anxious as we are to receive satisfactory answers, since the Parish Council resolved in February that it would also seek such answers to the questions we had asked. The Parish Council has also now agreed that the Friends of Latchmore have made a case for a site specific environmental impact assessment and that its continued support would depend on the outcome of such an assessment. I am sure that you are as keen as we are to see that the proposed works go ahead only if all possible care has been taken to ensure that the project is environmentally sound. It is after all an area that is central to the parish, and very highly regarded by residents and visitors alike.

**I therefore request that the Council should now formally suspend its support for the project until all the necessary assessments have been satisfactorily completed and published, and satisfactory answers have been received to all the questions asked.**

I am sure that this will help you to regain the confidence of the local community that you represent, and whose opinions we hope that you value and aim to reflect, in advance of the Parish meeting on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, when I am sure this issue will be discussed.

Yours sincerely,



Professor John Shepherd CBE FRS (Chair: the Friends of Latchmore)

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