

SIR — I agree with the letters last week regarding the unsuitability of the Latchmore project. Thanks to Anthony Passmore for supporting a large number of locals who think this scheme is a ridiculous waste of money (at least £250,000 probably a lot more).

This project is destroying an amazing habitat. Nothing is being done to protect the environment and species that are there, no detailed study was done before the work started, so how can the Forestry Commission know what is being lost.

The work involves draining one area to allow access to their huge vehicles and equipment, to make another area wetter. They might even end up damaging some of the precious mire that we have there at the moment.

The so-called drain that we know as a beautiful brook meanders nicely, changing it is going to cause an enormous amount of damage and destruction. The movement of about 10,000 tons of gravel and heath bales is going to have a lasting impact on the whole area including the tiny roads it has to pass along, possibly doing damage to some older properties with the vibration.

Along with 'The Friends of Latchmore' I cannot see how the benefits of this work can make this project worthwhile.

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