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> > 14 March 2012

Dear Mr. May,

Latchmore stream restoration project: public concerns

Further to my letter of 6 March, I am writing again to seek further clarification regarding the HLS Board approval of the Latchmore project.

In your letter of 2 March you state that the Verderers' minutes of 21 December 2011, which we had questioned, "simply... report that the Verderers Higher Level Stewardship Scheme (HLS) Board had approved the project."

However, the minutes of the previous HLS Board meeting on 27 October 2011 record that the project was not approved because of concern about public opposition, and the minutes of the subsequent meeting on 8 February 2012 record only that the work had commenced.

Please can you therefore tell me on what date the HLS Board approved the project, and where that decision is recorded.

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Yours sincerely,

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Cc Hyde Parish Council Rt. Hon. D Swayne, TD MP