

# Friends of Latchmore

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To: Mr M. Seddon, Deputy Surveyor, Forestry Commission

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## Latchmore Brook Restoration Project

Dear Mike,

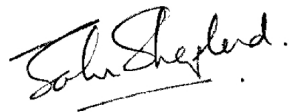
I am writing in connection with three outstanding issues.

First, we note that the Draft Scope for the EIA being prepared by LUC was due to be submitted by early April but has not yet appeared. Please can you tell me when this is now likely to be completed, and ensure that we are sent a copy as soon as it is available ?

Second, we understand from the HLS website that LUC and the Forestry Commission are mounting an exhibition on the scope of the EIA at Godshill on 29 April. We are surprised that we were not informed of this directly, and consider that the event has been very poorly publicised. Is it your intention to hold further exhibitions on the subject elsewhere, for example at Hyde and Ellingham, and if so, when ?

Finally, I refer to your letter to Richard Buxton of 24 January, in which you state that a number of documents that we had requested under FoI procedures were not yet available (items 2, 9 and 11 on the list). We should naturally still like to have copies as soon as possible. Please let us know whether you are happy to treat this letter as a standing FoI request to send them as soon as they become available, or whether you would prefer us to send you a new FoI request periodically, perhaps once per month, until the request has been fulfilled. You also state with respect to item 6 that you do not hold a copy of a report submitted to and discussed by the Court of Verderers. We find this extremely surprising and, if true, evidence of inadequate record-keeping. Please institute a further search for the document in question.

Yours sincerely,



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