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ANOTHER ACCESS QUESTION –DC/25/2114

HOW IS THE 30-YEAR HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE CARRIED OUT?

Dear Mr Holmes

Having now examined the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan in detail, I believe there is a **further fundamental access question**.

The HMMP commits the land to an extensive programme of physical management over 30 years, including:

- twice-yearly hay and/or silage cuts during the establishment period;
- potentially increased “cut and collect” where monitoring requires it;
- cuttings being left in rows for 3–5 days and the arisings then removed;
- regular topping and mowing;
- scrub, bracken and perennial weed removal;
- hedgerow cutting and management;
- watering, maintenance and replacement of newly planted trees; and
- continuing adaptive management as directed by ecological monitoring.

These are not simply ecological inspections. They are practical land-management operations which in part require machinery and the removal of substantial quantities of arisings.

Where, on the submitted plans, is the permanent and practicable access for carrying out this work over the full 30-year management period?

At this very late stage, the applicant and its consultants have had more than sufficient time to address such a **basic practical requirement**.

Detailed management plans, schedules and long-term ecological commitments mean very little unless the fundamental question of how the land is actually to be accessed and managed has first been resolved.

This should not be another matter left to be worked out later. If the required management cannot practicably be accessed and carried out, the HMMP cannot provide the long-term habitat management upon which this application relies

Yours faithfully

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Please refer to previous supplied map attachment