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Dear Mr Fitzmaurice

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Environmental Information Regulations 2004 – Grant applications received from Sheffield Wildlife Trust

With reference your request to see details of EWGS grant applications received from Sheffield Wildlife Trust since January 2007 including any correspondence between Sheffield Wildlife Trust and the Forestry Commission relating to grant applications.

Our policy is to be as open with the information that we hold as possible. The information you are seeking is exempt under section 39(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because this information is "environmental information", as defined in paragraph 2 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Your request must therefore be considered under these Regulations.

I understand that our Woodland Officer, Tristan Galletly has recently spoken to you following your request and clarified that you are only interested in Blacka Moor SSSI/Nature Reserve and Wyming Brook. A summary of EWGS details of both sites follows:

18322 Blacka Moor

EWGS for WIG-Access, WMG Bird/Bio and WRG

- Received 21st Oct 2008
- With Applicant 12th Mar 2009
- Withdrawn 9th Sept 2009.

Land unregistered on Rural Land Register and applicant wished to resubmit application at a later date without Land Use Cross check Failures. Withdrawal of application was agreed over the phone.

21499 Blacka Moor

EWGS for WIG Access, WMG, FLA and WRG

- Received 23rd Dec 2009
- Withdrawn 19th July 2010

Applicant reconsidered application and decided to resubmit with better detail.

The above applications were made by a stand-in reserve manager on maternity leave cover. No written correspondence, all discussions between Sheffield Wildlife Trust and FC either site meetings, a meeting at NE office, Bakewell or repeated phone calls. Withdrawal of application was agreed over the phone

24690 Blacka Moor

Application submitted following site meeting (on 26th October 2010) with recently returned Reserves manager. Latest application needed to be more in line with latest EWGS application requirements with sufficient detail to draw up a detailed contract for consultation. Application was finally submitted on 13th Dec. FC informed verbally that the Reserve Advisory Committee has been provided with details of the application and Mr Fitzmaurice had personally been taken around the site to explain what is involved with the scheme. Most negotiation done over the phone with a couple of e-mails referring to specific details or revisions made to WIG calculators and Maps for contract.

EWGS for WIG – Access and SSSI, WMG and FLA

- Received 13th Dec 2010
- Firm Proposal 27th Jan 2011

Out to consultation on the public register [will come off 24th Feb 2011]

1st Feb 2011 FC received letter supporting application from Natural England (attached separately). No other correspondence received on this application to date.

18333 Wyming Brook

EWGS for FLA, WRG, WMG

- Received 21st Oct 2008
- With Applicant 24th Jul 2009 [applicant considering resubmitting application]
- Withdrawn 23 Sept 2009

Following verbal discussion with applicant this case was withdrawn to be resubmitted with more detail.

21500 Wyming Brook

EWGS for FLA, WRG, WMG

- Received 23rd Dec 2009
- Withdrawn 19th Jul 2010

Resubmitting application following telephone conversation with applicant regarding better targeting works for access than bird project see RSPB comments (attached separately).

24921 Wyming Brook

EWGS for FLA, WIG WMG

- Received 4th Feb 2011.

All written correspondence relating to Blacka Moor is attached as requested. Tristan Galletly in addition has agreed to send you separately the Woodland Improvement Grant details and concept maps for the current Blacka Moor application which is currently out to public consultation. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Tristan Galletly if you require further information.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Riddle'.

Neil Riddle
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