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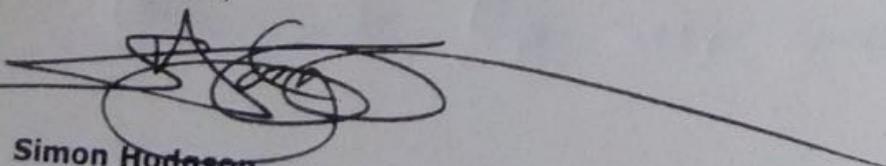
Dear Mr Pursglove

Thank you for your letter of 4 June about Fineshade Wood and Forest Holidays following on from your visit to the area with the Friends of Fineshade and local residents.

I note your opposition to development at Fineshade and my understanding of the current situation is that Forest Holidays have no immediate plans to submit a planning application for a cabin site. Following various consultation activities they are reconsidering how they approach Fineshade and it is unclear when any firm proposal for the area will be forthcoming soon, if at all. Without any firm proposals it would, in my view, be premature to meet you and local residents at this time. Nevertheless, if a further planning application is made by Forest Holidays representatives of the Forestry Commission would be very willing to meet you and the local residents.

In the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to offer you a visit to one of the other Forest Holidays locations on the Public Forest Estate. There is nothing like seeing an actual site in operation to appreciate how little impact it has and how it supports local businesses, creates jobs and helps the Forestry Commission deliver its commitment to nature people and the economy in a financially sustainable way. This is not a time limited invitation and if you would like to accept this offer, now or at any time in the future, then please let me know so that we can arrange a mutually convenient date.

Yours sincerely



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