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Subject: Interested Party Reference 20045080 request for accompanied site visit.

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to add my voice to others requesting that you make an **accompanied site visit to the Cratemans Farm area, the Cowfold Stream and to the green lane between Moatfield Lane and Kent Street, preferably in MAY**, when the wildflower meadows are at their best and the nightingales are singing.

I am asking you to drive down Dragons Lane and Moatfield Lane to accomplish several things, as you must know people are genuinely concerned about the impacts on these tiny roads. You will only get a true idea of how rural it is by coming to see it in person and using these roads yourselves.

An unaccompanied visit to the entrance to Dragons Lane has been conducted but that gives you no clue as to how narrow and difficult it becomes further down. I understand you have also walked down the first part of Kent Street from the A272, but you would not get a true understanding of what it is really like further down, and it is really important to grasp the ecological sensitivity of the area around Cratemans Farm, the Cowfold Stream and across the fields to Oakendene.

There are no farm tracks or roads there at all, only wildflower meadows, dense areas of scrub where nightingales nest, fields where adders and grass snakes live and breed, and badgers have their homes. The wildlife corridors and connectivity will be disrupted, the haul road will compact and destroy the area and will have to remain in place for the entire project causing irreparable harm to habitats and species.

I emphasise that these precious habitats will be lost for good.

I sincerely hope that my request is possible even though I am very close to the deadline of the 16th January, forty minutes to spare.

Yours sincerely,

Susie Russell-Smith