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Dear Sir/Madam,

With apologies for contacting the unit outside of a formal consultation period, the Chilterns Conservation Board wished to draw the unit and the Secretary of State's attention to the publication yesterday of Defra's "Guidance for relevant authorities on seeking to further the purposes of Protected Landscapes".

The Guidance is available online here:

No doubt this has already been circulated to you, but we wanted to make sure of this, since we have referred to the need for the guidance at several points in our previous submissions to help inform the Secretary of State's decision and to help resolve the difference of view between the parties as to how the strengthened duty under section 85 of the CROW Act 2000 should be interpreted.

We trust that this new guidance will be of use to the Secretary of State.

Yours faithfully,

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