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*From: Lisa Creaye-Griffin (Head of Countryside Group, SCC)  
To: Julie Brown (Save Newlands Corner Group)  
CC: Karen Guest (SCC), SALLY BLAKE (Save Newlands Corner Group)  
Date: 17 November 2016 at 11:50  
Subject: RE: Newlands Corner*

Dear Julie

Thank you for your e-mail. I have checked my replies to Sally Blake for both e-mails you mention and have answered the broad questions raised. I am not going to enter into detail on the business plan as it is still a draft and being refined as we get confirmed prices and adjust the work we are planning. The Business plan is not a public document as it is commercially sensitive. This is unlikely to change until the work on site has been completed and the plan is implemented.

We have explained that we need to introduce car parking charges in order to provide a steady income stream to cover the cost of managing the site. The level of parking fees have been set to be comparable with other sites and will increase over the years, as will the costs to manage the site. I appreciate that you disagree with this and therefore will not be pursuing your idea of creating a Friends of Newlands Corner group.

I feel this is unfortunate but accept your decision.

Regards

Lisa

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*From: Julie Brown (Save Newlands Corner Group)  
To: Lisa Creaye-Griffin (Head of Countryside Group, SCC)  
CC: Karen Guest (SCC), SALLY BLAKE (Save Newlands Corner Group)  
Sent: 11 November 2016 16:16  
Subject: Newlands Corner*

Dear Lisa

Thank you for your email of 28th October. However we were a little surprised by your response to Sally's email.

#### **Awaited Answers**

We do not appear to have received answers to most of the questions that Sally put to you in her e-mails of 25th and 30th September.

In addition, could you also confirm that SCC has no intention of increasing the size of the car park within the next 5 years.

#### **Friends of Newlands Corner**

SCC was sent a proposal for a 'Friends of Newlands Corner' (FoNC) on 7th May 2016, and we have been available to discuss this proposal with you since that date.

However, at our meeting with yourself and Ian Boast on the 7th June 2016, I explained that the point of the FoNC proposal was as an alternative to parking charges, not in

addition. In response Ian made the SCC position very clear, and said "we are only interested in a FoNC if it is consistent with current SCC proposals. So therefore there is no point going any further with this, as parking charges will be put in". **This was therefore taken as a clear and unequivocal rejection of our FoNC proposal.**

Are you now indicating that SCC are willing to remove the condition of inclusion of parking charges, in order to start a meaningful dialogue on a FoNC alternative?

Kind Regards

Julie

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*From: Lisa Creaye-Griffin (Head of Countryside Group, SCC)  
To: Sally Blake & Julie Brown (Save Newlands Corner Group)  
CC: Karen Guest (SCC)  
Sent: Friday, 28 October 2016, 15:26  
Subject: RE: Campaign Posters at Newlands Corner*

Sally/Julie

I apologise for the delay in replying I have been away on leave. I am, as I have always said, prepared to sit down with the Friends and see how we could work together to manage Newlands Corner. We have modified our plans and have waited to see what your group had in mind. However to date I am not aware of how the Friends would manage the site or raise any necessary funds. The Albury Estate want to retain their relationship with the County Council, which would mean any Friends Group working potentially with the County Council and Surrey Wildlife Trust.

I appreciate that you are all concerned about Newlands Corner and love the site. The income that we are proposing to generate will pay for the upkeep of the facilities and allow more effective management of the habitats. Both the County Council and the Albury Estate want to see the site managed better but do not have the resources currently to do so.

In the wider context management of the Countryside Estate is not a statutory service and will therefore be subject to further reductions in public sector funding. The Estate does however have the ability to generate an income, much as any private Estate and National Trust Estate is required to. The way that income is generated is planned as sensitively as possible inline with the designations of the site and ensuring that public access is retained. Unfortunately free access by any means to all parts of the countryside is not a viable option, however free access on foot/mobility vehicle is a fundamental policy of the Countryside Service along with free access via public rights of way.

Regards

Lisa