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By Email: 24 November 2022

Dear Jane

Thank you for your communication received by me on the 25th October 2022. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with regard our intended use of Citizenspace with paper copies for the upcoming consultation on the beaver introduction.

Citizenspace is an established online tool for gathering and storing consultation responses which Forestry England and other public organisations have used for a number of years; it relies on promotion to be effective. It will not be the only method of gathering feedback and formal responses. We will be accepting comments by all available channels, so written representations will be just as valid as online responses. As with all beaver licence applications in England, the Natural England licensing team is independent in this process and we commit to providing the licensing body with the raw consultation data, within the limits of data protection regulations.

We have secured additional resource which will be used to provide additional capacity within the team to further consider the consultation work undertaken to date and views expressed, and to support the delivery of further public engagement and a formal consultation exercise. This is likely to take place in the spring of 2023 and will be guided by the framework in section 9 of the Government's ['Reintroductions and other conservation translocations: code and guidance for England'](#). The consultation will aim to identify and understand issues that may not have previously been considered, so these can be appropriately addressed.

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I hope the above response reassures the Parish Council of our intent to appropriately engage with the community on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a series of connected loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Kevin May
Forest Management Director
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