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Dear Mr Murray

Thank you for writing to me about the threat, to a nature reserve, posed by what you call "a left-over of the SE-plan" - which is, of course, an EU-approved "Regional Spatial Strategy" (RSS) for the EU-region of the "South-East of England", and which governs the numbers of new dwellings local authorities are obliged to provide, mainly for immigrants, or for natives displaced from elsewhere, by immigrants.

It seems ironic, therefore, that the EU's own instructions, regarding the preservation of the nature-reserve, should have been over-ridden by its own instructions regarding house-building; but such are the results of being governed via Brussels.

It may be that the Coalition-Government has obtained a derogation, from the EU-Commission, to modify the RSS, for purposes of temporary political expediency; but we cannot expect an indefinite stay of execution, of the RSS as a whole, because EU-member governments are obliged (or have readily assented to a Council-Recommendation) "to coördinate regional policy" for the good of the EU, and will have to implement the RSS, in full, as soon as politically feasible.

However, given sufficient public awareness of these matters, political feasibility may never transpire; and preserving, for as long as possible, that which can never be replaced, is entirely worthwhile.

I am glad to hear that it is not too late to participate in the pre-planning consultation, and will gladly contribute these remarks to it, as well as being prepared to register an objection to any planning-application, which may eventually be forthcoming.

No doubt these remarks would not be admissible in the formal consideration of such an application, which will be circumscribed by strictures defining the legitimacy of objections, in terms of the presumed legitimacy of the RSS.

I am therefore happy to be able to make them now, outside the context of a formal objection, so that we all know exactly where we stand in relation to the proposed scheme.

Yours sincerely

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