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Dear Emma,

Application 00046 PONDHEAD, NEAR LYNDHURST, NEW FOREST
Wetland restoration comprising the replacement of 290m of artificial drain with 388m of restored meander; bed level raising for a total length of 874m; replacement of 175m of side drain with a shallow channel; the creation of a gravel stock crossing and the relocation of an existing bridge across the restored watercourse.

1. New Forest Association (NFA) supports to this application.

2. NFA thanks the Commission for their prior consultation and informed site visit. The project seems worthwhile most especially the raising of the stream bed in one section.

3. NFA would not object to the replacement of the vehicle bridge at 324069 with a ford on completion of the work. Fords are safer, cheaper to maintain and less intrusive in the landscape than bridges.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker.

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee