

THE COMPANY OF PROPRIETORS OF WHITCHURCH BRIDGE

(Established under the Whitchurch Bridge Acts of 1792 and 1988)

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Dear Jo,

Communications

Thank you for responding to our letter of 4th September 2009 regarding the format of communications between us. I acknowledge that each of the 4 local Parish Councils (PCs) has stated that they would like the once or twice yearly meetings with WBC on Saturday mornings to continue.

However we are concerned that, despite our meetings with the local PC's over many years, the content and tone of the PCs' objections to WBC's recent Toll Application indicated that the PC's had not taken on board the information that we have presented to them in the past. This was underlined by the fact that not one of the points put forward by the PCs (or any other objector) stood up to scrutiny at the Public Inquiry, and that the Inspector accepted all of WBC's submissions and none from the objectors.

We have therefore come to the conclusion that we cannot justify meetings with the 4 local PC's on a regular, once or twice yearly basis. We therefore propose to discontinue these for the time being and probably until after our Planning Application for the reconstruction of the Bridge has been approved. We will of course continue to respond to any points you wish to raise with us, but we expect that these can normally be best dealt with through correspondence. If any particular issue arises that can better be dealt with at a meeting, then we will arrange a meeting.

Our decision on regular meetings involving all 4 local PC's excludes our informal agreement with Pangbourne PC (as discussed between Elizabeth White and myself) that bilateral meetings will be required on specific issues related to the proposed use of the river meadow during the reconstruction of the Bridge in 2013 – 2014. WBC is keen that, during 2010, this line of communication becomes established and constructive.

This letter is being sent by email and hard copy to the Clerks of Pangbourne, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Goring Heath and Woodcote PC's.

Yours sincerely,

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