

**From:** Harry Legge-Bourke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 18:46  
**To:** Matthews, Peter John  
**Cc:** Roberts, Emyr  
**Subject:** FW: Circuit of Wales  
**Importance:** High

Dear Peter, Emyr

I have just had sight of the letter that was dispatched to Gwent LPA in reference to The Circuit of Wales application. Whilst I am neither for, nor against this £300m investment, I am concerned that neither the Economic or Social aspects have been put forward in this letter, and I certainly doubt that the Legacy bodies even mentioned these key parts to a sustainable future in Wales and for this region and project. I did speak with Graham as you both know but only in reference to NRW name and reputation in so far as we wouldn't be blamed for holding things up on the planning front, clearly not having read this document, but I do worry that this is a very negative document in itself and does read like a legacy body document with no positives in it at all. 1<sup>st</sup> page..... project would have unacceptable environment impacts.... 'Special qualities of a protected landscape'!!! 4 Industrial estates, a wind turbine and a new dual carriage way going through or next to the site already!!! Please, I suspect the legacy bodies didn't support all these developments on the common ground.

I do have to say that the 'environment impact' bit is a bit rich saying it would be a disaster from a viewing point of view from the BBNP when there are already 2 enormous Hanson quarries right next to the site which can be seen from Pen y fan in any case. The loss of common land is an issue and I can tell you for a science based fact, over 75% of commoners are over the moon as it means the Duke will give the Graziers a load of cash for the association and the ground in and around the circuit will be grazed off as well giving the graziers a double whammy and other better grazing ground will be bought for the commoners. Triple whammy!! Loss of common land??? An issue we are trying to deal with in my land group, Common land needs to be used and made more effective not just left to be over grazed under grazed, flooded or drained. So already we at NRW are talking about a new way of thinking on this issue, but same old same old in this letter.

You will see the 'peace and Tranquilly' statement.....we live in an RAF Low Flying Area for goodness sake!! everyday at least 10 tornadoes and Jaguars not to mention countless helicopters using the hills for low flying up to Sennybridge army ranges!!! Let alone a few helis coming in 4 days a year for a grand prix. Really....i do wonder about what we write and when.

Peter, I can only but raise concerns to you as Chairman, in so far as I am sure everything has been done 'exactly' how it should have been, BUT.....we need to look at the whole picture which we have all agreed at Board level, social, economic and environmental. Neither of these points are mentioned in this letter as NRW. There is no point or little point in Board members pushing the new way of doing things if already the old ways are still being used or at least the perception is that they are being used.

I hope that BETS and 1<sup>st</sup> Min office have been given a copy of this pre it going to Gwent Council as their buy in has been £5m and could be up to £30m, with 2 of the pillars being key in this respect. I know that our response will be desperately disappointing to many as

well as manna from heaven to others that little has changed at NRW. Knowledge and science based yes on ALL issues not just Environmental.

I thought you ought to know about this. If you have known about this project, I apologise and you will have been briefed. I hope you have been as these kinds of investment into wales don't come along too often and it will be down to us to 'advise on all the impacts'. I hope our position on this issue does not set a precedence and sets the scene for the next large investment into wales.

Your ever

Harry Legge-Bourke

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**Sent:** 10 June 2013 14:40  
**To:** Harry Legge-Bourke  
**Subject:** FW: Circuit of Wales

Dear Mr Legge-Bourke

Further to my previous email, please find attached the requested information.

Again, if I can assist you with anything further please do let me know.

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**From:** Hillier, Graham  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 13:46  
**To:** 'Harry Legge-Bourke'  
**Subject:** RE: Circuit of Wales

Dear Mr Legge-Bourke

Graham is out of the office today, but I have shared your email with him via telephone. Graham has asked me to advise you that he fully intends to send you a final version of the letter to Mr S Smith later today with details NRW's position on the Circuit of Wales.

If I can of any further assistance in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**From:** Harry Legge-Bourke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 June 2013 09:42  
**To:** Hillier, Graham  
**Subject:** Circuit of Wales

Dear Graham

Just so I am' not' caught on the hop with this week coming up, can you forward me the NRW position on the Circuit of Wales please. Have you all as an exec team agreed with the position? With such huge amounts of money at stake, its worth getting this one right to start.

Many thanks

Harry Legge-Bourke