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To Whom It May Concern

**Access to the Mid Colne Lakes for the purposes of conducting Ecological and Hydrological Surveys**

This letter is to inform you about a series of surveys we would like to carry out on a number of the Mid Colne Lakes in the next few months. The surveys will be undertaken by our framework contractors, Mott MacDonald. They will always carry a valid ID with them and a signed copy of this letter.

We are working on a project in conjunction with the Environment Agency, which is evaluating the ecological potential of the Mid Colne Lakes and looking into ways of improving it under the Water Framework Directive classifications. We are also investigating the potential impact of our local abstractions for public water supply on the Lakes water levels. In order for the evaluation to be as accurate as possible, a number of ecological and hydrological surveys need to be conducted.

These surveys include Bird Surveys, Lake Habitat Surveys, Bathometric Surveys (lake bed profiling) and mapping lake interconnections. The Lakes that are under investigation are Stockers, Springwell, Marsh, Clubhouse, Lynsters A, Lynsters B, Wella, Pynesfield, Broadwater, Harefield, Allen and Korda. The current surveys will take place over the summer and autumn 2011. The conclusions of the surveys will indicate the need of additional future survey, of which we will notify you accordingly. Please note that the bathometric survey will require the use of a boat, which our contractors will bring on site on the day of the survey.

In some cases, installation of monitoring devices might be necessary. The devices will be loggers, attached to a staff board installed in the Lake, as required. We would like to ensure you that the installation will not interfere with any of your activities and it will be completed following your consultation on suitable time and location of your convenience.

I would like to ask you to allow access to our contractors for these surveys. We will ensure that you are notified about the exact date and time of each survey in advance. I appreciate the time and effort you are giving these persons and wish to thank you for your assistance.

If you wish to phone for confirmation or discuss any aspects of this investigation, please use the number below. I will be happy to give you more detailed information about the purpose, the process and the outcomes of the surveys. You may also contact Miles Morgan, Senior Environmental Planner in the Environment Agency, who is overseeing the project (Tel. 01707 632731, email address: [miles.morgan@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:miles.morgan@environment-agency.gov.uk)).

Yours sincerely

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