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Dear Anne and Richard

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me virtually yesterday. It was useful, from my point of view, to understand where we are in the funding cycle and in particular for moorland restoration works.

I took from our meeting that there are no schemes open at present but with DEFRA's commitment to addressing the issue of carbon in the soil it is highly likely that there will be future funding for moorland restoration works under the ELMS scheme. It is also likely that this funding will be along similar lines to our current HLS both in terms of funds available and the types of works (peat, wood and stone dams, gully reprofiling etc) required. It is your understanding that the HLS scheme will roll on for the management prescriptions until such time as the ELMS becomes open to applicants in 2024.

Your suggestion that we should, subject to available funding, carry out a truth finding survey to not only review the works that have already been done under HLS but also identify areas of further restoration works in addition to those already identified on the M4F plan (8/3/13), outlined in red, which we all agree should be done is welcome. I have hatched in green some further potential sites and such a plan would not only allow us to identify, in detail, the areas where work is required but also to allocate the correct restoration methods to be carried out and would put us in the vanguard for not only securing a new scheme when this opens but allow us to get on with the works as swiftly as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you which of the two possible options for funding, a PA2 under CSS or the Peatland Grant, might be the most suitable for providing funds for such a survey.

In the meantime thank you for your time again and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

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