

## Email correspondence string with Envirotech re Strawberry field lapwings, July 2013

Notice that when Hannah Gardner writes "We are taking the contents [of my email] under advisement" she is using a legal expression which most probably here in this context simply means getting basic legal advice (rather than something more legally complex), but can also be used just to mean 'giving consideration to'. However she has left a lot of ambiguity here as to whether or not she is using the expression as a legal expression, and if the latter, whether they are 1. getting legal advice as to which of the two options to take, or 2. whether they are taking legal advice specifically against the contents of my letter, or 3. whether they are taking legal advice specifically to look at the possibility of following my suggestion of retracting Andrew Gardner's pro-development letter criticizing my concerns for the lapwings and ignoring the precautionary principle.

Neither Andrew nor Hannah have made any attempt to discuss the matter with me over the phone. If their first reaction is to get legal advice they will incur costs. Are they digging deeper towards self-destruction or just trying to give consideration so as to find an all-round least worst solution? . . . It will be interesting to see!

*In reverse chronological order (most recent at top):*

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**From:** [Henry Adams](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2013 5:05 PM  
**To:** [Hannah Gardner](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Kendal's Strawberry field

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for acknowledging receipt of my email.

**I am curious to know what you mean by "advisement".**

I would advise that you first think about which direction YOU as Directors want your company to go in – now it faces a difficult choice between 2 mutually exclusive directions, neither being easy. THEN get advice as to how to achieve which direction you decide you want to head.

You as Directors will ultimately be responsible for your decision on direction – which should not be what is easiest / more profitable /? or whatever for you but should reflect what your own consciences would be most happy with.

Retraction then supporting the lapwings may have the most difficult initial thing to do – but should be less stressful thereafter.

Sticking with the developers wishes may be easier at first but may get increasingly more stressful to your consciences as you will be showing very clearly that you put money and allegiance to developer client first despite what your website and fb try to advertise.

I know which choice I'd make in your circumstances – but then I am clear how my conscience would treat me thereafter.

One big bonus of living in the Kendal area is that you don't need much money (just enough to make ends meet) in order to have an enjoyable life – as we have so much great scenery and wildlife around us here – and I have a great network of like-minded people nearby around me. These things are of much higher value than money.

Henry Adams

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**From:** [Hannah Gardner](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2013 4:23 PM  
**To:** [henryadams@dragonfly1.plus.com](mailto:henryadams@dragonfly1.plus.com)  
**Subject:** Kendal's Strawberry field

Dear Dr Adam

We acknowledge receipt of your email. We are taking the contents under advisement.

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**From:** Henry Adams [<mailto:henryadams@dragonfly1.plus.com>]  
**Sent:** 11 July 2013 16:04  
**To:** Andrew Gardner  
**Subject:** Kendal's Strawberry field

To Envirotech,

Please acknowledge receipt of the letter I emailed you regarding this site.

It may (debatably) be an overly strongly-worded letter, but this gives it honesty and accuracy in representing my strength of determination in continuing to protect this site and its breeding lapwings. The strong wording was not intended to antagonize you to into 'sticking to your guns', but to strongly urge you to assess what direction your company is going in: whether you are wanting to prioritize wildlife or money in cases where these conflict as here, and to give you a time-window of opportunity to do this.

I understand that fully retracting on a position made in error is a very difficult thing to do and would itself need a huge amount of strength . But if done – and with enthusiasm – then it would certainly merit praise – which I would want to add to my website.

I am writing on behalf of a large number of local people who appreciate the site and its lapwings, and will want to know your decision whether you want to support the lapwings here or stick to your position that threatens their loss.

For anyone who appreciates local scenery and attractive flora and fauna, I have just uploaded this to my web-space:

**PHOTOS of Kendal's Strawberry field and its wildlife**  
<http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com/PHOTOSofStrawberryField&itsWildlife.html>

I will be spreading information such as this over the internet to my many followers and friends (including my many friends within environmental organizations and consultancies), to keep them aware of the value of this site and the threats it faces, and asking them what is their judgement. (I have already had some feedback).

Bear in mind I will continue doing what I can to protect this site and its wildlife whatever “official decisions” might happen that threaten damage or loss.

Envirotech are welcome to join me and the many others in supporting this objective.

Henry Adams

Attached – the same letter as before but with some minor spelling-mistakes corrected.

Dr T.H.L. Adams - Consultant Ecologist

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colour pencil drawings of lapwings: (colony nesting site under threat near my house)