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By email to emma@therewildproject.com

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Dear Emma

Rewild CiC and Kensley Shed

Your email of 31st January refers.

My letter (sent by email) and dated 9th January 2023 substantially deals with the points you have raised in your email and, indeed raised previously. I have attached a copy for ease of reference.

Our investigation was provided to the Gloucestershire County Council LADO in full at the time, and at the LADO's request. I am also aware that our national team is co-ordinating responses to your Freedom of Information Requests, and no doubt if you haven't had those responses yet, you will do soon. I set out the outcome of our investigation in my letter of 9th January. I see no reason why your safeguarding investigation should be predicated on Forestry England's completed investigation.

Your second request is a right of appeal against the allegation. The allegation, if that is how you wish to characterise it, is that a Director of Rewild CiC took a group of young people out on to a frozen lake. That was quickly identified as a matter of fact. Our investigation then looked at whether our internal processes for issuing permissions had worked properly, yet we established quickly that Rewild CiC had never requested permission to take the Rekindle group out onto the ice of a frozen lake.



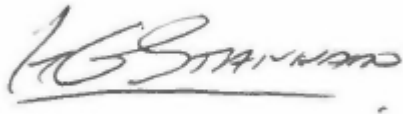
Rewild has doubled down on the defence of the indefensible and has acted against Forestry England's interests. That has caused a breakdown in professional trust. The decisions taken by Forestry England which followed are not subject to an appeals process.

With regard to the attachment to your email, Forestry England is treating your continued and unlawful occupation of Kensley Sheds as a civil matter to be dealt with at court.

Any further correspondence regarding Kensley Sheds should be sent to our solicitors, Michelmores, at the address on the letter which you should now have received from them.

If your organisation wishes to request permission to use land that we are responsible for in the future, then please apply through our permissions processes and your requests will be assessed on their own merits.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K G STANNARD', with a horizontal line underneath.

Kevin G Stannard
Forest Management Director,
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