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Hi Janice,

Thank you for letting me know. Please note the following:

"Under public law principles civil servants carry out functions of the Secretary of State although the Secretary of State remains ultimately responsible to Parliament for the exercise of functions I.e. if something goes wrong it is the fault of the SofS not the civil servants. The planning inspectorate is what's called an executive agency of Department for Communities and Local Government which means that it is a part of DCLG (although has separate budget and management). So it's not a quango."

So Lord Maudley had no right to close the correspondence without either answering my questions or making sure I was quite happy with the answers. He is there to serve us and not the other way around.

The buck stops with him and his refusal to do his job properly is making the present government look very corrupt indeed. I find this strange when we hear on TV about all the investigations into Murdoch, pedophilia, illegal immigrants, etc so have to wonder what is so precious about Natural England who ultimately is surplus to requirements and would save a whole heap of cash, or for that matter Hampshire County Council.

I know the latter is Conservative controlled but not all Conservatives are observing democracy, and this has been the case for longer than I care to remember about HCC. They will make a good fall guy so that the public can see that when push comes to shove, Cameron and co are not afraid of kicking their own skeletons out of the cupboard.

I can at least see there is one honest MP at Westminster as I know this cannot be easy for Damian with the heavyweights of HCC to contend with.

Once again I am grateful to you both

Merry Christmas

Maureen

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**From:** [HINDS, Damian](#)  
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Dear Maureen,

Just a quick note to say that Natural England rang today. They are fully investigating all the outstanding points you have raised and will be sending a further reply in the New Year when their investigation is complete.

Happy Christmas,

Janice

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