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Dear Cllr Hubbard,

Thank you for your joint letter of 24 March to myself, and email of 31 March sent to the Secretary of State for Education which I was copied in to, about Forestry England's (FE) parking charges in the New Forest National Park. We have also received your letter of 12 April to myself, and I am replying to all three pieces of correspondence.

FE is an executive agency of the Forestry Commission (FC). The FC is both a non-ministerial government department and a statutory body with a board of Commissioners.

Defra officials will engage with FE to discuss your concerns in more detail, particularly around the Equality Impact Assessment.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact us about this important issue.

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