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Dear Ms Lucas

**RWE npower – a new environmental vision for the future of Radley lakes** .....

You may remember that I wrote to you earlier this year to let you know that we had put on hold implementing our plans to fill Thrupp Lake near Radley with coal ash from Didcot Power Station and then restore the area. This was as a result of a number of factors including successfully securing alternative outlets for recycling the ash produced by Didcot Power Station.

I am now very pleased to let you know that the Waste Recycling Group (WRG) and npower have signed a significant deal after eight months of detailed technical discussions, which will allow the majority of the power station's ash to be used for landfill capping and engineering at WRG's nearby Sutton Courtenay facility. Finding this home for the ash will let us get on with the vital job of producing electricity for over two million people from Didcot A, while supporting the local economy, providing jobs and investment and recognising our duty of care for the environment.

This means that today we are able to announce that Thrupp Lake will not be used for ash disposal and we are discussing plans to effectively gift Thrupp Lake to the local community through a partnership management scheme. This could include the possible creation of an educational and environment centre which would allow local people and school children to study wildlife in the area and learn more about environmental issues. This is very important to us, as we know the benefits that partnerships between business and community groups can bring.

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In addition, we are also exploring opportunities for further ecological restoration at other parts of the Radley site, including the creation of mixed meadow, woodland and wetland areas with habitats for water fowl, wetland, birds and aquatic invertebrates.

We plan to bring together funding for the independent ecological management of the area, potentially by a local wildlife trust. Discussions have been ongoing with experienced wildlife organisations including the Northmoor Trust which already manages over 300 hectares of land in Oxfordshire. Our plans will look to balance the need to leave nature undisturbed, along with an understandable desire amongst local people to enjoy the area.

This is a long term vision and key to its successful future will be the active engagement and involvement of the local people. Over the next couple of months we will begin a process of consultation with the community to plan effectively for the future.

We recognise that over the past few years, relations between Didcot Power Station and some parts of the community have been strained by the issue of the future of Radley Lakes. We hope that our proposals will help to build a new constructive dialogue and that we can work together to make Thrupp Lake into an ecologically rich resource that fully meets the needs of the community.

We hope to shortly be able to announce which wildlife organisation will be our partner at the site and will keep you informed of any developments, future plans and ways in which you can become involved. In the meantime, if you have any further questions or would like to know more, please get in touch. You can email [contact@npowerradley.co.uk](mailto:contact@npowerradley.co.uk) or call us on **0800 988 9144**.

Yours sincerely



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