

From: "GREEN, Damian"
To: "kerry BETHEL"
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2006 8:47 AM
Subject: RE: Out of Office AutoReply: Wye Development

Thank you. I thought it was more sensible to wait for the meeting on Monday where I could talk to a number of people. There is clearly a group, to which I guess you belong, that rejects the whole idea of a big new development in the village. There are others who are not opposed in principle, but who are extremely worried about the details, and who feel they have not been kept informed. I have previously made the point about openness and frankness to Imperial College, and I am sure they got the message loud and clear on Monday.

To address your points directly it is clear to me, from talks with a number of academic institutions, that there is no future for Wye College as a land-based institution. If we want something academic to survive on the site a big change is needed. The survival of the college in some form seems to me an unarguable benefit for the village. As for other benefits, the scheme as proposed would certainly provide jobs and ensure better transport links which would benefit Wye. There will clearly be a need for new building on the land owned by the college, and I have made clear that we all need to know how much land it is envisaged will be used, and as soon as possible after that how much of the land will be already occupied by existing buildings. I would not reject the scheme in principle, but seek to make sure that the benefits are maximised for the people of Wye. That, I understand, is also the position of other local representatives.

Damian Green

-----Original Message-----

From: kerry BETHEL
Sent: 09 January 2006 21:19
To: GREEN, Damian
Subject: Re: Out of Office AutoReply: Wye Development

Dear Mr Green

I would appreciate your response to the specific points raised in my e-mail of 21 Dec.
Thank you

Mr Kerry Bethel

----- Original Message -----

From: "GREEN, Damian"
To: "kerry BETHEL"
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2005 7:20 PM
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: Wye Development

I am out of the Office until January 4th. If your request is urgent please call 020 7219 3911, and leave a message with the answering service.
Damian Green