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**To:** [North Falls](#)  
**Subject:** Re: North Falls compensation site for Lesser Black Backed Gulls (LBBG)  
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On 16 Dec 2025, at 22:55, Nicholas Gold wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

It is noted that you have requested further information from the Applicant by the close of play today regarding negotiations with the landowner for the provision of a compensation site in respect of LBBG.

So that you are aware, there have been negotiations between North Falls and Cobra Mist Limited (CML) regarding the possible availability of a nesting site on Orford Ness. Such site would have been eminently suitable, and an adjacent site is already in use by Vattenfall and other wind farm operators.

However, the terms proposed and rigidly stuck to by the Applicant were not acceptable to CML. They required CML to grant a lease (in the guise of an option) which permitted the Applicant to act as if they were the freeholder and tied the rest of CML's wide-ranging business up for many years. Furthermore, on the basis that the Applicant's position was uncertain, despite acquiring all the rights they required for Compensation purposes, they were not prepared to pay the amount comparable to that paid by similar wind farms until many years down the road. Substantially the whole of the risk was to be put on CML, but without the attendant reward. In addition, the Applicant said they wished to continue negotiations, but without any near term end in sight. CML had neither the time, effort or inclination to go along with this.

The Inspectorate will not be surprised that as a result CML formally withdrew from negotiations in writing regarding the Compensation land a while ago. We thought the Inspectorate should know.

The site is still eminently suitable for LBBG nesting, but CML is not prepared to have any further negotiations unless the Applicant recognises that CML is not going to waste further time and effort on a fruitless exercise in order to keep the Inspectorate content.

With kindest regards  
Happy Christmas

Nicholas Gold  
for Cobra Mist Limited

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