I am emailing you to register my interest in the regeneration of heathland which has been lost under the weight of forestry cropping for generations.

Heathlands are special places, unique in their own brand of environment

A walk around some of the natural heathlands in Dorset will better illustrate their diversity and wealth of special interests than any words can do. Such as the lizards, snakes (yes) and myriad wild flowers, many of which are too fragile to withstand any chemical interference such as that used regularly by farmers for a variety of reasons on the land for which they are responsible.

It's possible that some of the land included in this consultation, will have had some chemicals applied over the years but the unnatural influence of the pharmaceuticals will leech out of the soil (mostly) over a period of three years of exposure and isolation from further chemicals.
With properly structured management and active conversion planting programs it should be possible to restore ex-forestry land into typical heathland for all to enjoy.
I would urge you to apply yourselves with unremitting vigour to this excellent plan, so that, in time, we will all come to realise that 2009 marked the beginnings of some truly visionary work.

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Anon 16.05.09