RE: Expression of Interest – Acquisition and Restoration of Mill End Pond (Title: EX742809)

Dear Parish Clerk,

I am writing to you as the resident and homeowner of **Redacted**, which directly borders the land registered under Title Number EX742809, known as Mill End Pond.
As a close neighbour, I care deeply about the local landscape and the visual amenity of our community. Over recent months, I have noticed with growing concern that this area has fallen into significant decline:

- **The Pond:** The water body is in disrepair, suffering from silt build-up and a lack of active ecological management.

- **The Vegetation & Trees:** The surrounding area is heavily overgrown, and several of the mature trees are clearly dying or distressed, which could pose a future safety or falling hazard.

Understanding that parish budgets are under intense pressure and that maintaining water bodies requires significant, specialized upkeep, we would like to propose a solution that benefits both the Council and the community.

We would like to formally apply to purchase the freehold title of Mill End Pond (EX742809) from Clavering Parish Council.

Should the Council agree to the sale, we commit to taking on the full legal and financial responsibility for the land. Our immediate and long-term plans include:

- **Ecological Restoration:** Undertaking professional clearing of the overgrown vegetation and restoring the pond to a clean, viable aquatic habitat.

- **Tree Management:** Appointing an arborist to safely manage, prune, or replant the distressed trees to ensure the area remains safe and visually pleasing.

- **Ongoing Stewardship:** Maintaining the entire plot to a high, aesthetic standard in keeping with the rural character of Clavering, entirely at our own expense.

To further support this proposal, we have recently purchased a 6.35-acre field adjacent to our western border. The title EX742809 incorporates both the pond and a small strip of land adjacent to it, which holds an established right of way over the entrances to both our existing field and our newly acquired land. This secure, overlapping access ensures we are uniquely and practically positioned to move the necessary machinery and materials onto the plot to conduct the required restoration works seamlessly and safely.

We are prepared to purchase the land at a fair market valuation and are willing to discuss covering the Council’s reasonable legal and surveyor costs associated with this transaction.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to hearing from you and are available to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,
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