

Appendix 3:

Email from David Parish

I am David Neil Parish. Chairman of the Hatfield Regis Local History Society and have lived in Hatfield Heath for over 40 years and have visited the Prisoner of War Camp WW11 number 116. I realise it's not really my place to be involved but as a History Society and me being a photographer I felt I should let you know that many of our members have tried to get in 116 many times over the past 9 years and I being partly disabled have driven up there and asked permission to have a look round and take a few photos but always a man comes out when I get there and tells me to turn round and get out and he is not always polite or willing to listen.... We still want to be allowed in and I shall keep trying.

Email from Ivan Cooper

As Secretary of the Hatfield Regis Local History Society and author of the book on POW Camp 116 I felt that a follow up on David Parish's comment was important. You will note that on page 33 of the book there is an entry from Melissa Craig a Student from Bishop's Stortford College one of a group whose visit took place on Friday 19 February 2011 negates that there was no visits from 2009. Indeed only yesterday I had a conversation with a Governor from Hatfield Heath Community Primary School who has taken groups from the school for visits over the last 4 years. Consequently the statement in your email to Mark Lemon namely 'Looking at your application, there has been no public access to the site since 2009 which would not meet the criteria needs to be addressed. I appreciate that details in the application 'Prior to the acquisition there had been regular visits to the P.O.W. Camp 116 by various schools, the History Society, villagers and other members of the general public. Since then access has been practically impossible' Although this has been the case on numerous occasions there certainly has been opportunities which have been carried out by the History Society and School to reinforce their work for the essay competition on WW 2. I trust this will be taken into consideration when the application is discussed and reviewed by the Council.