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Dear Friend

Save our Forests

You contacted me recently about your opposition to the Tory-led Government's plans to privatise our cherished national forests and woodland.

Along with other Labour MPs, in February I voted for a motion calling on the Government to reconsider its plans. Despite our efforts and the widespread public opposition, this government has chosen to persist with its consultation on the sell-off.

To keep up the pressure on David Cameron and Nick Clegg, I am asking my constituents and other concerned citizens to join me on a 'Save our Forests' woodland walk in Sherwood Pines Forest Park on Friday 25th February. This is part of the ancient Sherwood Forest, home to Robin Hood, and is one of the many public forests identified as a target for sale. It's vitally important that we continue to make our voices heard in opposition to these proposals and I believe that a show of strength will help draw further attention to the campaign, as well as sending a strong message to the Government that we will fight for our forests.

We'll be meeting at 09.30am at the Sherwood Pines Visitors Centre, NG21 9JL (see map) and walk the 2 mile White Route, a beginners route accessible to all, which should take about an hour. RSVP isn't necessary but it would help give us an idea of numbers, so if possible do reply to this email. Please forward this on to friends, family and colleagues and do not hesitate to contact me if you want any further details

Find attached details of how to reach the forest and I look forward to seeing you on Friday 25th February, and if you have any problems finding us on the day please ring Joe on 07906418596.



Best wishes

Chris Leslie MP

Member of Parliament for Nottingham East

P.S. We understand that the forest is not easily accessible by public transport and therefore encourage car-sharing where possible. There is also a small three pound charge for all day parking.