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26th June 1934.

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Dear Mr. Shorey,

Faringdon Folly.

Further to Mr. Griffin's letter to you of June 20th, I have been in touch with Mr. Loyd, the Chairman of the Berkshire Branch, on the question of Lord Berners' proposed tower on Faringdon Folly. I suggested to Mr. Loyd that either the Branch should have a special meeting to consider the matter or that I should reply to you suggesting that as a Planning Authority, the R.D.C. might reasonably refer this matter to the Advisory Panel for guidance.

The Branch, of course, would not be concerned with Lord Berners' private reasons for setting up a tower on Faringdon Folly: they would only be concerned with the effect of its appearance on the countryside. I notice that the elevation has been drawn by Lord Gerald Wellesley, who is an architect.

I have also had a letter from Miss May Morris, asking for the support of the C.P.R.E. on the same matter.

Mr. Loyd has replied to me that he took the opportunity of consulting with Mr. Benyon, Mr. Bate, General Burder, Mr. Neobard and other members of our Council, and it was decided that the best thing to do would be for Mr. Loyd to write a personal letter to Lord Berners asking him to reconsider his proposal. I enclose for your information a copy of the letter addressed by

F.A. Shorey Esq.

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26th June 1934.

Mr. Loyd to Lord Berners. Mr. Loyd has asked me to say that you should, of course, treat his letter as confidential in the sense that no reference should be made to it in the press.

We hope very much that Lord Berners will give way and perhaps Mr. Loyd's letter will give him an opportunity of doing so.

Yours sincerely,

Donald C. L. Murray  
Hon. Secretary. *J.H.*