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Dear Alison,

Thank you for your letter of 30th June. Unfortunately I am unable to comply with your requests as it is rather too late in the day to make the necessary changes.

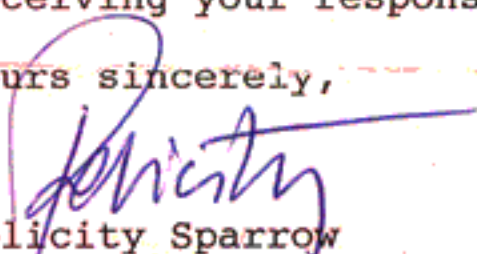
The Draft Report was sent out at the beginning of June to allow six clear weeks for written responses and a month's notice of the open forum meeting. Due to prior commitments it is not now possible to postpone the deadline for written responses and this must remain at 17 July.

Although a meeting convened by London IFVPA to which all funders would be invited is a good idea, it is not possible for this to be in the near future as many of us have holiday commitments in July and August. The earliest that we could all make a meeting would be in early September - ideally the first week of September and prior to the BFI Regional Conference which starts on the 12th. Such a meeting should also include other funders of the sector and other members of the Joint Funders Strategy Group. The latter includes C4 and ILEA.

It is not possible to change the agenda for the open forum meeting as we have formally notified a wide constituency on the nature of the agenda and it would not be appropriate to change it at such short notice. However I do not agree that the agenda 'covers ground we are already sufficiently familiar with...' The report sent out is a substantive document and it is important that we start from a common base of understanding of its recommendations and implications in the first session before moving on to the process of implementation by funders in the second session. Questions in the first session will be restricted to matters of clarification; if there aren't many questions this session - and the tea break - could be shortened to allow a full two hours for session two.

I am sorry that you and your colleague have prior commitments and will not be able to attend on the 7th, but I look forward to receiving your response by the 17th.

Yours sincerely,

  
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