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Dear Sir,

Somerset Minerals Plan

With reference to your letter of the 4th November your claims that all peat is a mineral is fundamentally wrong, it is only put in the mineral class for planning when an application is made to harvest it from grazing marsh, if permission is refused the land can still be used for grazing animals but when permission is given it is preserved vegetation on the land, as far as my expertise goes nothing can make it a mineral, please provide more evidence to the contrary including analytical definition, legal definition and planning definition.

On turbary land the vegetation, which may not be suitable for grazing animals, is growing new peat which is an energy crop and our property, turbary land can also be used for peat production on a sustainable basis, this is known as peat farming.

Yours faithfully,

Mervyn Sweet.