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Dear Jan,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the World Future Council's inaugural **Global Pact Summit for Interconnected Sustainable Policy Solutions** to be held at Warren House, London, from Monday 27th - Thursday 30th April 2015.

Today's interrelated challenges demand interconnected solutions. They require a coalition of leaders working to ensure that our societies, economies and technologies have the necessary incentives in place to support the transitions required. Only by over-coming our reductionist silo-based problem-solving, can we leave behind a 'future-just' legacy for our children and grandchildren.

As Margaret Mead, the famed anthropologist, said, "*A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*" We therefore invite you to the very first Global Pact Summit which will bring together that small group of thoughtful people - the key global change leaders from policy-making, civil society, science, culture and business who possess the leadership and influence to change our world and to transform the current message of despair into one of opportunity.

Many meetings may debate these recognised challenges and set broad goals to overcome them. But there is very little discussion and understanding of the '*how*', i.e. the specific reforms essential to securing our shared future and navigating society along a variety of sustainable pathways.

The aim of the Global Pact Summit is to build a global 'Coalition of the Working' to help facilitate the transition to an environmentally, economically and socially sustainable world order. The policy solutions put forward in the Global Policy Action Plan have already resonated amongst policy-makers, civil society organisations, and former Heads of State and Government. We now reach an opportunity for a cross-sector partnership and a new social contract, the 'Global Pact', which holds the potential to facilitate the necessary paradigm shift to the sustainable future we will envision together.

Covering key areas including learning and responsible governance, human equity and dignity, rights and responsibilities, peace and security, climate stability, healthy ecosystems and common wealth as well as enterprise and design, the Global Pact Summit will explore if key policies are still to be added to those determined by the World Future Councillors and how obstacles to their implementation may be



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overcome. A dedicated online resource, futurepolicy.org, to be launched in January 2015, will host and facilitate our worldwide outreach and education campaign.

The 'Global Pact Summit' will commence with a reception at Warren House on the evening of Monday 27th April 2015, a venue chosen for both its historical social significance as well as its beautiful location 10 miles from Heathrow, and 30 minutes from London Waterloo. Local costs will be covered for participants, including transport from Heathrow Airport. Over two days, we invite you to join us in developing a Global Pact of interconnected sustainable policy solutions, and strategies for its future success.

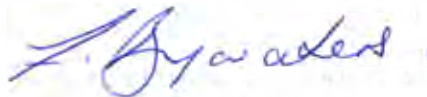
We do hope that you will join us, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions that may be outstanding and let us know of your attendance by e-mail or by the enclosed RSVP postcard.

Yours sincerely,



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Your attendance does not commit you to endorse the Pact, or be publicly associated with it, unless you choose to. This inaugural summit is an internal event, to discuss how we can move from the current focus on problems and goals to the opportunities held by implementing the specific policy changes required for our sustainable shared global future.

Building a Global Pact

Implementing Interconnected and Sustainable Policy Solutions



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In time of crisis, big steps are often easier than small steps as they are seen as rising to the occasion and able to inspire and mobilise.

Dr. Hermann Scheer, WFC Founding Councillor

The **World Future Council (WFC)** connects 50 eminent global change-makers from governments, parliaments, civil society, academia, the arts and business, working to pass on a healthy planet and just societies to our children and future generations. To achieve this, the WFC identifies and works with policy-makers to spread effective, policy solutions.

Our latest initiative is the enclosed Global Policy Action Plan (brochure enclosed). The aim is very ambitious: to shift the global focus from “why” (things need to change) and “where” (we want to go) to “how”, i.e. what policy changes will be required to actually get there.

Forty years ago, the first Club of Rome report had an impact far beyond what its small group of authors expected. It predicted that four decades on, a serious global crisis would develop, should ‘business-as-usual’ continue... That time has now come and what better occasion to launch a Global Pact, as a coordinated response?

As Milton Friedman wrote, ***“When a crisis occurs, the actions that are taken depend on the ideas that are lying around.”*** The Global Pact aims to provide not just ideas, but policy solutions.

The new hierarchy of global risks and dangers we face demands a paradigm shift in our thinking and actions. Environmental crises are now evolving into human security threats, making poverty reduction and development goals harder, if not impossible, to achieve. Trillions of dollars of financial assets are misallocated by our flawed pricing of risks. Such falsely aligned incentives force our societies, economies and technologies in unsustainable directions.

Internalising the full environmental and social costs of production would bankrupt most current businesses. Ending fossil fuels subsidies will be a huge political challenge. But our societies and economies will soon collapse if we allow climate change to turn increasing parts of our world uninhabitable and our shared future to be overwhelmed by refugees and resource conflicts. CO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere are now rising at 100 times the natural rate. Waiting just five years to change course would make the subsequent reductions required impossible to achieve without causing economic collapse.

By bringing interlinked policy incentives together, the World Future Council aims to invigorate the global discourse and go beyond calls to action and roadmaps to developing the manual and toolbox required to enable sustainable societies and economies. What are the policy incentives required? How can we facilitate a “race to the top” in best policy implementation?

The transition to a sustainable world order requires a co-ordinated approach, transforming risks and dangers into opportunities. The Global Pact aims to provide our starting-point.

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WARREN HOUSE



History of Warren House:

The Coombe Estate area of Warren House is the wealthiest and most exclusive in the Royal Borough of Kingston and has been since the Victorian times.

Until 1837 the land was owned by Earl Spencer, after which the Duke of Cambridge purchased it, therefore extending his own land to 535 acres. After he had purchased the land, he erected a large fence forbidding anyone entry and put ornamental gates across the entrance to 'The Warren' (Warren Road as it is now called), complete with guards.

The result was a miniature civil war in Kingston. Half of the town thought it was the Duke's own right to do as he pleased with his land, whilst the other half declared that 'The Warren' was a vital part of everyday life-it was indeed the very track that led the way through to Richmond, Wandsworth, Wimbledon and Putney. After many angry meetings and a court case in 1853, a jury gave its verdict: the public were entitled to unrestricted use of 'The Warren' as a footpath, but not as a carriage-way. This whole affair became known nationally as 'The Battle of Coombe Warren' and was reported in *The Times*.

Today Warren Road still has a gate that is regularly guarded by a uniformed official who opens it to vehicle traffic with permits, but he still has no jurisdiction over the pedestrians using the little path that runs up beside it!

In 1865, Hugh Hammersley bought 16 acres of land from the Duke and had Warren House built. Intersecting part of Hammersley's plot of land was a section belonging to Coombe Nursery. The Nursery (established 1856) was owned by Veitch & Sons and was famous for its many rare specimens of flowering trees and shrubs, most notably magnolias and azaleas and also for its Japanese Water Garden, which was inspired apparently by the plate design of the well-known 'Willow Pattern'.

Indeed it was these very water gardens that are dividing Hammersley's land. At some time in the 1870's, Hammersley managed to persuade Veitch to sell the plot, thus making the land around Warren House complete.

This unique garden is thought to be the oldest Japanese garden in existence today in the British Isles. Today, the Japanese garden forms part of the grounds of the neighbouring Watergardens development.

In its maturity, it is now even more beautiful than when first planted.



History at a glance

1837 - The Family Home

1865 - Hugh Hammersley

1884 - Lord Wolverton

1907 - General Sir Arthur Paget

1940 - Visitors of Note

1954 - ICI

2000 - The House of Today



The Gardens of Today

The gardens at Warren House are today tended to by Andrew Fuller and his team.

Having studied for a degree in Horticulture at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, Andrew came to work at Warren House and has been here for over a number of years.



In that time he has been the creative force behind many of the original innovative garden designs, including the creation of a superb natural style meadow filled with grasses, herbaceous perennials and fruit trees, including apples, pears, plums, quince and medlar- a wonderful, peaceful spot to sit and relax amongst the daises, lilies, poppies and romantic statues.



The Service of Today

Warren House offers so much to every company and each delegate that visits the House along with our Leisure guests and non- residents.

The conference and meeting rooms are light, airy and uniquely decorated. They all overlook the stunning and immaculate gardens with their beautiful shrubs, lawns, wildlife, statues and fountains.

Complimentary mineral water, mints, a fruit bowl, unlimited tea and coffee with biscuits are all provided for each meeting. The 24 hour rate includes a four course hot and cold buffet lunch as well as a five course dinner in the evening. Use of all in-house state of the art audio-visual equipment is also included in the conference rates.

Located only 20 minutes from central London, 30 minutes from Heathrow and 40 minutes from Gatwick, Warren House is ideally situated for all national and international delegates.

The Leisure facilities include an air conditioned exercise room, small selection of spa treatments (available by appointment only), a sauna as well as a heated indoor pool.

Each of the 46 individually styled and furnished bedrooms comes complete with a television, hot drink facilities, a complimentary mini-bar (stocked with still and sparkling mineral water), hairdryer, trouser press, and modern point and desk and safety deposit boxes. Laundry and Dry Cleaning and a daily newspaper along with 24 hour room service can also be arranged at your request.

We are delighted to offer our Orchid and Table D'Hote menus created by our Head Chef Paul Bellingham and his team, along with our Carvery Menu on the first Sunday of the month as well as our delicious afternoon teas created by our Pastry Chef Amber Parish.

All Warren House staff has a reputation for providing excellent customer service, to ensure all our guests can expect to be treated with courtesy, professionalism and genuine friendliness from the moment you arrive to when you depart.



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