

neighbourhood plans

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Dear Torbay Council

As a regular visitor to Clennon Valley, I wish to register my strong support for Clennon Valley being designated as a Neighbourhood Green Space. I, and many others take great pleasure in seeing the wealth of wildlife on site and being part of the Friends of Clennon Lake community, who work on a regular monthly basis to manage and improve the area for wildlife. These efforts have been recognized and supported with funding and provision of materials by various other organisations and local suppliers, such as the Tesco Bags of Help scheme, Jewsons and South West Colour Labs and we have won an award for community involvement in a local scheme too. The area is a designated County Wildlife Site and no other green areas in the Neighbourhood Plan have such enthusiastic voluntary supporters who work to actively manage, fund, and improve the site. It is an important area on many levels - as a haven for rare and endangered wildlife such as snipe, water-rail, curlew, various species of bats, water-shrews, newts, slow worms, hedgehogs, over 20 species of butterfly, etc, and a sheltering area for migrants such as the yellow browed warbler. It provides a tranquil area for dog-walkers, birdwatchers, and a pleasant place to stroll and have a picnic for families.

The Friends of Clennon Valley also intend to provide disabled access and improve the paths around the lakes to enable more people to enjoy the area and watch wildlife. It is an exceptional area for recreation, wildlife, leisure activities and a rare place of tranquility, thus fulfilling all the criteria for designation of a Green Space. The community value of the area in its present form, far exceeds its monetary value as a possible area for development. Clennon Valley provides a unique habitat in the Bay, and even though the threat of development may not be imminent, this green space is precious and once lost or compromised, would be irreplaceable.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours sincerely

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