

neighbourhood plans

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To: neighbourhood plans
Subject: Clennon Valley

Dear Sir /Madam

I have carried out voluntary work in this area for many years even before the Friends Of Clennon Lakes was established. I grew up riding my bike in this area even before the lakes were put in and feel very strongly that this area should be left unaffected by any future development.

The velopark was NOT to the plans submitted and even to this day a path around the entirety has still not been put in place and probably never will.

Clennon Valley is a wildlife haven for many species of birds, insects and butterflies, mammals, foxes, badgers and bats. The fields and lakes also make a natural corridor right up to the back of Paignton zoo.

I wish to support the designation of Clennon Valley as a Local Green Space (LGS) in accordance with the proposals in the Paignton Neighbourhood Plan and wish to express my concern that the proposed designation has been objected to by the Torbay Development Agency on behalf of Torbay Council.

Clennon Valley has for many years been a place of recreation, sport and important site for wildlife value (designated County Wildlife site by Devon Wildlife Trust) with notable mammal and bird species found within the designated boundaries. The site undoubtedly fulfils the criteria for designation as an LGS in other respects, beauty, tranquillity, the site also provides a green corridor leading up from the coast and almost links the countryside to the West of Paignton Zoo.

The valley has a chequered history the lower valley once being a mixed marshland/low lying area with saltmarsh at the Goodrington end (now under a carpark – sadly) then used as a landfill tip, then converted to playing fields, with recreational ponds dug which now provide a rare valuable wetland habitat with large common Reed bed and open water not found anywhere else in Torbay. The upper fields leading up to Roselands provide beautiful open fields overlooking Torbay with good populations of important invertebrates including Brown Argus Butterfly, Brown Hairstreak and Marbled White Butterfly. This area is well used by local residents.

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