

neighbourhood plans

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To: neighbourhood plans
Subject: Clennon Valley Local Green Space

Dear Sir,

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 I 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 and sport, and is an important site for wildlife, designated a County Wildlife Site by Devon Wildlife Trust, with many notable species found there. The site fulfils the criteria for designation as an LGS in other respects, such as beauty and tranquillity, while it 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 was once a mixed marshland/low lying area with saltmarsh at the Goodrington end (now regrettably under a carpark) then used as a landfill, then converted to playing fields with recreational ponds dug, which now provide a rare and valuable wetland habitat with large reed beds and open water not found anywhere else in the Torbay towns. The upper fields leading up to Roselands provide beautiful open fields overlooking Tor Bay with good populations of important invertebrates including Brown Argus, Brown Hairstreak and Marbled White butterflies. This area is well used by local residents.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Baker (by email)
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