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Cross Party Support for Lakes Judicial Review

The strength of feeling across all parts of the political spectrum that Thrupp Lake at Radley should be saved from being turned into an ash dump for Didcot Power Station will be reflected at a meeting to be held in Abingdon on Saturday. The meeting, called by Save Radley Lakes to raise support for a judicial review of Oxfordshire County Council's recent decision not to register land around Thrupp and Bullfield Lakes in Radley as a Town Green, will be addressed by Dr Evan Harris, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, who will be joined by prospective parliamentary candidates from all the other three principal parties: Nicola Blackwood (Conservative), Richard Stevens (Labour) and Chris Goodall (Green) have all agreed to attend. All four politicians have expressed their personal support for the campaign and for undertaking a judicial review. Basil Crowley, chairman of Save Radley Lakes said:

"It is very appropriate that all four political parties will be represented at this meeting. All have been involved in some way or another in this affair to date, with some having more reason to be proud of their involvement than others. The responsibility for what has happened must rest largely with Government (Labour) and the Conservative ruling group at Oxfordshire County Council who granted npower all their permissions and failed to grant town green status, even though the way was open legally for them to do so. The local Lib Dems have consistently opposed the destruction of these lakes and the campaign has, from the beginning, had the support of local MP Dr Evan Harris. Also the Green Party is obviously very concerned. There are many green issues here, ranging from why a potentially valuable resource is being wasted to landfill to how much we care for the local natural environment. However the important thing now is that elements of all political parties are willing to unite to support the continuing campaign to save The Lakes."

The meeting will be held at the Abingdon Guildhall on Saturday February 9th at 2pm.

Support is growing elsewhere in the County. A motion, due to come before Oxford City Council on February 18th, asks the City Council to support the Save Radley Lakes campaign and asks the Executive Board to consider ways in which the City Council might support any action taken by other local authorities in Oxfordshire to fight for the preservation of the Radley Lakes. John Tanner, labour Lord Mayor of Oxford, who offered the campaign a personal donation, said

'I support the judicial review to stop Didcot Power Station dumping ash in these lovely lakes at Radley'.

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