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Radley Lakes motion proposed to Oxford City Council

The following motion has been proposed to Oxford City Council for its meeting on 18th February.

Motion to Council: Radley Lakes
Proposer: Cllr Craig Simmons
Seconder: Cllr David Williams

This Council notes the amenity value of Radley Lakes for residents of Oxford and acknowledges that the Save Radley Lakes campaign counts many Oxford residents among its supporters.

This Council therefore opposes the current plans to use the area as a dumping ground for fuel ash and regrets the decision of the County Council not to register Radley Lakes as a Town Green – which would have offered some protection.

Council therefore asks the Executive Board to consider ways in which the City Council might support any action by other local authorities in Oxfordshire such as Abingdon Town and Radley Parish Councils, to fight for the preservation of Radley Lakes.

Oxford City Council was approached following a discussion with the Lord Mayor, Councillor John Tanner, who offered a personal donation towards the legal fund to save Radley's lakes, saying "I support the Judicial Review to stop Didcot power station dumping ash in these lovely lakes at Radley." Discussions have already taken place with members of the ruling Lib Dem party and of Labour and the Green parties, and will shortly follow with Conservative members. Other personal donations have been offered.

The level of support for Radley's beautiful lakes is encouraging, showing that they appeal far and widely. We look forward to the debate on the above motion, and are encouraged that Oxford City councillors feel so strongly about the Radley Lakes, which lie a short distance from the City and are an attractive amenity to city dwellers, easily reached via the Thames Path or the Sustrans Cycle Path.

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