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Tony Juniper joins the battle to save the Lakes.

The widely supported campaign to Save Radley Lakes has been boosted by the news that Tony Juniper, Director of Friends of the Earth, will visit the Lakes on Tuesday June 12th at 1.15pm.

The Lakes were a childhood haunt of Tony's whilst he lived in Oxfordshire during the 1970s – an area which nurtured his interest in wildlife and inspired him to become the leading environmental campaigner he is today. He recalls catching bream in the lake and spotting reed warblers and reed buntings as a young boy. He is now supporting the campaign to have it registered as a Town Green.

"It makes me angry that the waste of energy and emissions causing climate change are destroying a place that was of enormous value to me as a young person" says Juniper who shares the local campaigners sense of outrage that RWE NPower plan to fill the lakes with ash from Didcot Power station, the fourth most polluting power station in Europe.

"Radley Lakes have been earmarked as a dump for all the filth that comes from Didcot's outmoded and polluting coal burning" states Juniper "it was my childhood haunt and I am now haunted by its impending destruction. The Power station will be shut down in 2015 and unless NPower change tack or the area is registered as a Town Green the destruction of Radley Lakes will be its legacy."

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