P-04-605 Save the Cwmcarn Forest Drive from Indefinite or

Permanent Closure

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government

to reverse the decision of Natural Resources Wales to close the Cwmcarn

Forest Drive indefinitely on 2nd November 2014.

Additional Information

NRW have stated that the Cwmcarn Forest Drive will be closed indefinitely in

November and that this is necessary because of the infection of the Japanese

larches in the forest. I am not convinced as there are inconsistencies with

NRW approach. There are ample harvest roads which can be used to facilitate

removal of the trees. What needs to be removed via the drive could done

during its annual winter closure; however NRW say that removing the trees

will not be completed until 2018 and after this the drive may not reopen due

to funding issues. Other forest parks are only facing minimal disruption to

their facilities as a result of tree removal. To single out users of the drive is

unfair and unnecessary when other users will face only temporary disruption.

We should save the drive for its users, many of whom are elderly, disabled

and from our ethnic minority and immigrant communities. This deprives

those people who are our most deprived of their main facility for health and

well being.

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First considered by the Committee:

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