

PET(4)-04-12 p6a

P-04-369 Against the proposed Cardiff to Newport coastal path

Petition wording:

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales, to urge the Welsh Government and the Countryside Council for Wales to terminate the Proposed Coastal Path around Wales, at Cardiff.

Petition raised by: Roger Price

Date petition first considered by Committee: 28 February 2012

Number of signatures: 14

Supporting information: We believe installing the path between Cardiff and Newport and beyond, will cause an excessive and destructive level of disturbance to the 1000's of wild shorebirds, easily put to flight (Tolerance to people, Curlew: c.400yds. Dunlin and Redshank: c.200 to 300yds.), which depend for their rest and security, on this narrow strip of land and saltmarsh, adjacent to their feeding zone.

Designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest for the purposes of conservation, and part of the internationally 'Important for birds', Severn Estuary. This has been a refuge for what must be 1000's of years, and often under threat.

While many other options exist for walking, this is not the case for this coastal habitat.

When disturbed, these birds have to fly to another area where a human being is not within their field of tolerance. This entails using up valuable energy and disturbance of their resting patterns. With multiple disturbances this could lead to flocks of birds permanently deserting this area seeking other feeding areas, which in the modern world, are already under pressure. Members of the Glamorgan, Gwent and the RSPB bird watching societies and others, present and future, will be deprived of this valuable local asset.<