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Dear Mr Johnstone

I have lived in the North of the Island for over 16 years and I know the area very well. The Donkey Track is a thriving natural habitat, full of wildlife, flora, fauna and many bird species. It has never been a highway maintainable at public expense and is certainly not a public right of way..

I regularly see Buzzards in the trees within the Donkey Track, they were nesting this year and it is a pleasure to see them bringing up their young. The area, if anything, should be made a place of Scientific Interest because of the amount of wonderful natural beauty. It should not be ripped up, it does not belong to the public, it needs to be left alone to be allowed to provide us with the wonderful biodiversity.

Please visit the area, the bird songs are fabulous, there are flowers growing that I have never seen before. There are frogs, toads, hares, rabbits and other wildlife who entertain us regularly. Why on earth would something so beautiful be ripped up just to make a point. This land is private and it should stay that way.

I also can't understand why these plans are afoot at all, the Donkey Track is not very long, it does not need to be maintained to allow access to any buildings or houses. It is not needed to improve access to other roads, it all just seems rather stupid and I find myself wondering if there is an ulterior motive for this.

I hope that lessons were learned after the plans to cut down 25 trees at St Marks were approved despite objections. This was another regretful decision which was thankfully overturned and I really can't understand planners thinking it would ever be beneficial to the environment. Naturalist Chris Packham branded the St Marks plan "an absolute disgrace" and I'm sure he would agree that yet again plans are afoot to tear a hole into a place of absolute natural beauty for no reason whatsoever.

Please take a moment to consider the points I have raised, it would be despicable to change what is an absolute pleasure to see.

Thank you for your time and best regards

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