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**Appendix 2**

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**Reference C P 1**

**The Life centre area.**

Since 2006 there has been a lot of additions to this development 1. A private health centre, 2. A park interpretation centre, 3. A garden centre, 4. offices to let, 5. An arts centre, 6. A conference centre, 7. The parks department 8. Commercial retail outlets,

The council stated that there would not be commercial premises on the park and that the life centre would be on the footprint of the old Mayflower centre this is impossible.

Regarding the above numbered items

Government policy is against this sort of exploitation on public parks.

1. Not needed this would not benefit the general public
  2. Interpreting the park could be done in the life centre entrance, coffee shop /café, and passages
  - 3 A garden centre 3 of the best garden centres already exist within P Plymouths boundries ,this one could not compete, more wasted park
  - 4 this would mean more park space disappearing not with standing the fact that there are over 350 offices to let in Plymouth
  - 5 This is not necessary considering there are 35 arts centres in Plymouth already, more park space gone
  - 6 Conference centre, 80 percent of hotels in Plymouth especially the most recent ones cater for this facility
  - 7 If this takes place the existing site could be put back to park
  - 8 Commercial retail outlets more loss of park land
- All of the above need car parking which means more loss of parkland

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**The ice rink** which has been added to the life centre means another massive piece of park disappearing.

An alternative to putting it in the park would be to put it in the city centre

The council is proposing to demolish the Mayflower centre and build on the site it would be more practical to gut the interior and build a large ice rink this would be more accessible to the public saving more parkland from destruction.

**The transport inter change and car park**

This could be built on the opposite side of Alma road on the current bus depot which is being moved to another part of the city connected by a nice bridge or under pass, this mean that another part of the park is saved.

**The environmental issues on the life centre site**

**Devon hedge and ancient lanes preservation law 1997**

Gilberts lane which is over 275 years old possibly more runs for 110metres at the side of Argyles car park is likely to be destroyed, part of it crosses the front of the car park, and heads towards Milehouse Junction away from Argyle for over 100 metres this section is also under threat, in both cases there are ancient hedges which are super abundant in flora and fauna

The council have not considered these important wild life areas, according to the wild life survey done in 2006 and 2007 by Mc McCarthy of Exeter the hedges in Central Park are visited by 5 species of bats, foraging for food along with door mice, all protected by British Law and European Law.

The Council have made no provision for protecting any of these diverse areas or any of the large trees in the area

I have recorded over 53 species of English birds in the park and 26 English species of Butterfly not to mention the other wild life

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**The council have failed to complete wild life surveys in the Park so have no idea what is at risk or what needs to be protected it seems to people of my ilk that they are trying to sanitize a wonderful wild life area**

**There is also another section of ancient hedge under threat on the main drive towards the golf course, this is also over 200 years old may be more and is also rich in flora and fauna bats also forage here, this needs protection**