Central Park Area action Plan  2006 – 2008
Tests of Soundness

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Reference. Proposal P5 and CPO1
Peverell Corner and Outland Road Corner
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1 I am a member of D.W.T. and the R.S.P. B. I am also an armature
2 Mycologist, I have also been an allotment holder for over 20 years.
3 In pursuing these hobbies I have seen Central Park in all its glory,
   and know every corner of it, most of what the council proposes will
   destroy important habitat, despite the claims in their words no
   impact on the integrity of the Natura 2000 sites. See2.6 page 11. Of
   the C. P. A. P. Sustainability Appraisal.
4 How can the Council say that when they propose to destroy large
   trees, ancient Devon hedges and much more.
5 Local authorities should be prevented from selling parks and open
   spaces for development and should adopt an appropriate staff
   structure to encourage community involvement, informal leisure use
   and more naturalistic planting in support of nature conservation.
6 (Source Paragraph 4.4, Memorandum TC, Select Committee on
   Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs. Published 8 June
   1999.
7 Park users. The council have never done a full survey of Central
   Park on all the entrances of which there are over a dozen, this would
   need to be done on the same day each day of the week through out
   the year on all the entrances, in this way they would know, who uses
   the Park, and what for what for.
8 This would give the Council the opportunity to have proper statistics
   on the usage of the PARK, these statistic would have given them an
   idea on how best to develop the park.
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9 The Council have relied heavily on local newspapers to tell the public their plans for Central Park, the articles, have been heavily in favour of the council.

10 The circulation of local newspapers is approximately just over a half of the households in Plymouth which means that a large proportion of households in Plymouth know nothing about the C.P.A.A.P.

11 The council's so called public consultation missed a lot of people.

12 Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey of Central Park.

13 Despite this survey the council intend to destroy a lot of habitat much of which is important for the survival of a lot of the Parks fauna, and ecologically would be a disaster for creatures such as 5 species’ of bats that visit the park foraging for food, the survey states that hedgerows and many trees are ecologically important

14 Bats are protected by British Law, and European Law

15 The council have not done a sustained survey of bats

16 Some of the hedgerows that are threatened according to the above survey are almost certainly used by dormice which are also an endangered species’ and protected by law

17 The council have not done a sustained survey on dormice

18 Other protected species such as Reptiles as above no sustained survey

19 Parts of C.P.A.A.P. Means the destruction of much of the habitat that is important to wildlife in the park

20 The bird survey in the park is incomplete this should have been done through out the year to give a true picture a lot of bird habitat is threatened by destruction

21 Ancient hedges are protected by the 1997 hedgerow act, it states (especially Ancient Hedges) there are hedges and lanes over 250 years old some are possibly medieval field boundaries

22 The Council have not made any protection orders on any trees, lanes or hedgerows any where in the park
Appendix 1
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Referance. Proposal P5
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1. This area is one of the most delightful parts of the park please see accompanying photos, numbers 1, 2.3, and 4 it is part of Pounds House gardens, where people like to walk and picnic in the grounds.
2. You will see in the photo Iron railings this forms the boundary of a popular children’s play ground.
3. In the foreground you will see a grassy area, during spring, summer and autumn, weather permitting Families picnic there close to the children’s play ground where they can keep an eye on the latter it is the nicest and the safest playground in Central park,
4. had the Council done their homework they would know this
5. It would be criminal and morally wrong to deny the families their right to enjoy such an area, which after all is their human rights
6. The proposed building if built would put this area in the shade for most of the day, which would not be very nice for the families and children
7. PEDAPHELIA If the proposed building goes ahead it would be very close to, and overlook the children’s play ground, there is a very real risk of paedophiles who would watch children and wait for a chance to groom them
8. The council could not guarantee the safety of any of the children using the playground
9. There are a lot of bats in evidence in this area, I have watched them foraging at dusk and beyond possibly up to 5 species see the habitat survey, Bats are protected in BRITISH and European law, the council has not done an intensive bat survey in this area
10. All of the trees in the four photo’s will be under threat if this development goes ahead; mankind is destroying too many trees already.