12 1a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 16 January 2024 10:58
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments I absolutely object to giving this land to a company who will concrete a space which is natural habitat and green space for some of the most deprived warts in Swansea. This is criminal. Absolutely criminal and benefits a small number of people including Penderyn Whiskey owners. This is a farce when we have food banks in the communities in Swansea and the local authority is in so much debt. You will use public money for this and it will not be paid back. No way. It will be liquidised before this. Have some sense and support your communities which is your job!

R 2a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 17 January 2024 08:16
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Objection

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Hi,

I would like to strongly object to the proposal for disposal of land at Kilvey Hill. This is a biodiverse, well used outdoor area enjoyed by the local and wider community. It is absolutely shocking that the council would even consider ruining this for the skyline development. Skyline will not deliver all it promises and once the novelty dies down, it will become obsolete. Swansea Council needs to remember all its nature and climate emergencies pledges and policies as well, they are obviously just talk if they are considering bulldozing over wild habitat on Kilvey hill which has taken decades to regenerate. This should absolutely not go ahead. Nature and community over vanity project.

Thanks,

R3a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	17 January 2024 16:45
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	I totally oppose the lease to the Skyline company. I have already sent my objections to the Council about the Skyline project itself. The basic reason is that the hill is so very very precious to us local people, it is the equivalent to Clyne valley and Cefn Bryn on Gower. It is the unique resource for health and well-being in Swansea East. It's the place of peace and quiet and exercise, and contemplation of the views all around. Extremely important for the mental well-being of myself and all the different people I see up there. The Skyline will include a lot of noise, especially - naturally enough - from people descending on the zipwire. Once the land has been transferred, the Council will, in practice (whatever the agreement is), lose control of what happens on it in the future, possibly events and/or structures that could affect the rest of the hill and local communities negatively. Or, when interest is lost in

the Skyline (like the ski slope) or something new and exciting is invented elsewhere, then the structures will be left in disrepair etc.

R4a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 17 January 2024 19:25
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Comments	What happens to this land you are ' giving ' away if Skyline fails as a business. I am horrified you are going ahead with this detrimentally injurious to the planet proposition by Skyline. Are you aware about the land slide caused by their excavations in New Zealand ?

R5a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 19 January 2024 12:22
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Fw: Kilvey Hill Land Disposal. Ref DVP-00274779/SAE

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

----- Forwarded message -----
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To: "kilvey.posn@swansea.gov.uk"
<kilvey.posn@swansea.gov.uk>
Cc:
Sent: Thu, 18 Jan 2024 at 17:32
Subject: Kilvey Hill Land Disposal. Ref DVP-00274779/SAE
From:

Date 18th Jan 2024

To: Head of Property Services,
City and County of Swansea,
Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road,
Swansea,
SA1 3SN

Objection to the Disposal of land at Kilvey Hill, St Thomas, Swansea, SA1 8ED (Ref # DVP-00274779/SAE)

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the proposed disposal of land at Kilvey Hill, as per the notice placed in the Evening Post newspaper on 15th Jan, 2024.

When fully accessible public land is sectioned off and disposed of local people need to be completely aware of the consequences of this action for them and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as I understand it this disposal will impact the area in question for many forthcoming generations. How does this notice adhere to the basis of the Well-being of Future Generations [Wales] Act 2015 which gives primacy to public engagement in local decision making, in particular with regard to actions that impact the environment?

5b

During COVID lockdowns the people of Swansea came to fully appreciate their local access to green spaces, Kilvey Hill being one of them. Kilvey Hill is especially important to the deprived communities of Bonymaen, St. Thomas, Landore and Port Tennant; being within walking or cycling distance for many. I am concerned that the proposed land disposal will lead to a breach of access rights set out in the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000. Handing the rights over this land to an overseas, for-profit enterprise changes the current dynamic considerably and therefore warrants a detailed inclusive consultation process with local residents. Local people must be apprised of the impacts of concreting over the land and the associated increase in road traffic, noise and visitor numbers.

The land in question forms part of a designated quiet area. Quiet areas adjacent to the city are vital oases of calm and are important for the physical and mental health of residents who are able to escape for recreation into these area. As outlined above the Well-being of Future Generations [Wales] Act 2015 requires local authorities to fully engage with local people and this notice does not offer local people sufficient information or opportunity to understand the effect on their lives of this land disposal. The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017, states that developments such as this one, with significant environmental effects require an Environmental Impact Assessment. Is there an EIA available for local people to access? None is referred to in the notice, is this an oversight or an attempt to obfuscate the process?

The Local Development Plan underpins all planning objectives within the Local Authority area. How does this land disposal fit within the existing LDP? The notice as it stands does not show how it fits into the LDP and as such is not fit for purpose.

Given the recent publicity regarding the lack of transparency in the dealings of public bodies [The Post Office] and overseas for-profit companies [Fujitsu] to the detriment of ordinary working people [Postmasters and Postmistresses] it is vital that Swansea Council, its Officers, and Councillors work diligently to place information in the public domain instead of hiding behind the smoke and mirrors of "that is commercially sensitive". A full and detailed explanation of the business case underpinning this transfer of public assets to private capital is due to the people of Swansea who may be left to pick up the pieces and re-instate the environment of Kilvey Hill should the enterprise fail. Without this information residents may not be adequately informed to make any meaningful decision: its like buying a car without having seen or driven it and without knowing the price until months or years later.

I request that the Council provides comprehensive answers to respond to all the matters raised above especially regarding environmental and economic concerns.

Yours Sincerely

R 6a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 20 January 2024 20:41
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill open space dispersal

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I object to this please leave some green space for the public and wildlife

Sent from AOL on Android

R7a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 20 January 2024 21:54
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill open space dispersal

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I object to this,please leave some green areas for the public and wildlife
Sent from AOL on Android

R 8a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 20 January 2024 21:58
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey hill

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I object due to environmental issues

Sent from AOL on Android

R9a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	21 January 2024 11:19
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	I would like to object to the proposed development for a number of reasons. The first being that the hill is currently regularly used by a wide range of individuals, such as equestrians, dog walkers, cyclists, motorcyclists, and families. The proposed development will exclude a proportion of these users, and a skyline development will be particularly un suited to younger children and families who currently get enjoyment out of the hill. I also have concerns in regards to the numerous species that can be found on the hill, particularly those of protected status, such as slow worms that can be found in that area and the regular sightings of Red Kites. My fear is that the skyline development will not only damage their habitat, but eliminate them from the area entirely due to the extensive construction work required. Furthermore, I am concerned by the increased volume of traffic that will inevitably be caused by a new development on that site. The road leading to Kilvey hill is not

particularly wide, which will lead to issues when cars are trying to pass each other, which may cause congestion on the main roads further down. I am also concerned for the local children and residents who will be affected by this increased traffic outside their homes and schools. The noise disruption that the development will cause is also of concern. The recently erected solar panel developed caused noise disturbances throughout bonymaen, and the constant heavy vehicles which were often speeding through the village were also a concern, and that was a much smaller development than the proposed skyline. Further to the aforementioned concerns, the sustainability of the skyline project is also a cause for concern. In order to be successful, the project will have to charge residents who use the skyline a fee large enough to cover operating costs, and in the current climate individuals have less disposable income to spend on non essentials. I have been made aware that the proposed development is to be aimed at tourists, but I don't believe the tourist industry in Swansea to be large enough to sustain the project long term, and I strongly suspect that the residents who will use this skyline (of which there are surprising few who seem to support it within the community) will use it once and not again, due to the repetitive nature of what the project will offer. Would a derelict skyline attraction really be worth the loss of habitat, and outdoor space? I would urge those individuals involved in the planning and development to re consider.

R10a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 21 January 2024 11:55
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: "Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" reference number DVP-00274779/SAE

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I strongly object to the council's intention to dispose of land forming part of Kilvey Hill, St Thomas, Swansea SA1 8ED by the grant of a lease of such land to Skyline Swansea Limited for a new leisure development.

a resident of Swansea.

R11a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 22 January 2024 15:49
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: No - DVP-00274779/SAE

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I oppose DVP-00274779/SAE.

Thank you.

R12a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 23 January 2024 10:51
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Formal objection to the proposed disposal of Open Space at Kilvey Hill. Ref No. 00274779/SAE

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Dear sir
I am writing to formally object to the proposed disposal of land forming part of Kilvey Hill as indicated in your notice dated 15/01/2024.
1. Inadequate Public Consultation.
The notice does not appear to comply with the principles of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales)Act 2015 which emphasises Public engagement in decisions impacting the community & environment.
The consultation process outlined fails to provide an inclusive comprehensive platform for public discourse and input.
2.Contravention of Access Rights under CROW Act.
The CROW Act 2000 grants the public rights to open air recreation in designated areas.
Any development that restricts these rights neccessitates a detailed consultation process addressing potential impacts and alternatives.
3.Non-compliance with Local Development Plans.
The proposed development must align with the objectives outlined in the LDP,particularly concerning environmental protection & public access
The notice fails to demonstrate this alignment or address how the proposed development adheres to these plans.
4.Concerns over Changes to Quiet Area Designation.
Kilvey Hill,as a nationally designated Quiet Area plays a pivotal role in preserving tranquility &natural ambience. The proposed development risks altering this status without adequate public discussion or environmental consideration, contrary to the principles of environmental stewardship & community well-being.
5. Transparency and Accessibility of Information
The notice does not provide sufficient detail about the proposed development or its implications, nor does it reference where such information can be easily accessed by the public.
This lack of transparency undermines the community's ability to understand &effectively respond to the proposal.
6. Legal&Procedural Concerns
The process for modifying the status of Open Access Land or a Quiet Area involves legal procedures and reviews by environmental and planning authorities.
The notice does not address these procedures nor provide evidence of compliance with relevant legal frameworks.
In light of these concerns I request the Council reconsider the proposed disposal in favour of preserving Kilvey Hill's Open Space and Quiet Area designation.
The decision should reflect a commitment to sustainable development, environmental protection and community wellbeing.
Thank you for your attention in this matter .

R13a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 25 January 2024 11:20
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments

I disagree with this plan and want to oppose the plan.
It will destroy a wonderful green area and habitat. Myself and my family have walked and used this area over 5 generations at least. My husband and I were involved with regenerating the green habitat.

R14a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 27 January 2024 21:54
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: DVP-00274779/SAE

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To who it may concern

Reg: Kilvey Hill open space disposal

I would like to register my objection to the above mentioned proposal. I think it is prosperous at this time of sustainability and green regeneration to lend this land for
such a huge amount of time to a foreign company to destroy.

Swansea needs more open green spaces to enjoy and to improve the healthy and wellbeing of their residents.

I believe that Swansea residents are being made to believe that this will be a small development, rather than taking over most of Kilvey Hill.

Please leave Kilvey to continue to flourish naturally.

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1R15a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 28 January 2024 14:30
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I full support of this application and the development of skyline

R16a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 29 January 2024 09:15
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: QUERIES - LAND DISPOSAL OF KILEY HILL

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Good morning

I have questions as follows:

1) I have e-mailed with queries / points regarding the notice of land disposal. They are

Positioning of the notices - none apparent along the right of way leading from Llanerch Road Bonymaen to the top of the Hill.

The notice gives a plan of the area in question. Some of this appears to be in Bonymaen Ward but the notice only refers to the St Thomas Ward

2) A new question
I read on the link below that disposal of land in Wales requires consultation with the Local Authority Access Team.

Has this consultation been carries out and if so where can the results be seen please?

WOM21 Open Access | DataMapWales

Please would you provide the following as soon as possible given that there is now only a week until the public consultation on this matter ends:

a) Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail
b) Please reply to my points or otherwise advise me as to how I can receive answers to my questions.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

R17a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 29 January 2024 13:46
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal ref: DVP-00274779/SAE

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Dear Sir/ Madame
I am writing to object to the dispersal of land on Kilvey Hill by Swansea CC on the following grounds.

1.The total waste of tax payers money, which will not guarentee a sucessful profitable outcome and a return on the monies invested. Such a venture is foolish and I would point out that I am trying to prevent the council's public embarassment when this project fails ;thus leaving the metaphoric egg on Swansea CC's face and a bitter taste in the mouth of local community and Swansea residents as a whole.

2. The footpath to the top namely 'Morris Lane' is a historic public footpath and bridleway.

3. The land is a designated quiet space and a change of it's classification would impact Kilvey Hill and the surrounding areas. This would have an affect on peoples mental health and also the flora and fauna.

4. The land is a designated open space and community woodland (ref: Swansea.gov.uk) and is used freely by thousands of people, locals and visitors alike.

5. The environmental impact of a change of use contradicts the pledge made by Welsh Gov and Swansea CC pleadge at COP 28 climate change conference ref Wales.gov.uk (you have this info at your finger tips so I will not quote).

6. You will be very well aware of Swansea CC policy on the preservation of local Green Space. A dispersal of this nature will contravene council policy. Is this actually legal ? I would question the legality of this and ask you to furnish me with the proof in law that you are allowed to disperse Kilvey Hill Land. I await your response asap.

7. The lack of details of the dispersal of land. Eg for what specific purpose is there a need for change ? Please could you answer asap. How long will the land be leased for ? Once again please provide an answer to this question asap, as this has not been made public. That said please provide details of these under the freedom of information act.

8. It is very unlikely that Swansea CC will have the funds to monitor any development of the disposed land on Kilvey Hill adequetly, due to the continuing cuts in services.

9. The impact on the following groups and organisations will be greatly impacted.

a. Kilvey Woodland Volunteers (who part manage the hill).
b. Bon y Maen Children's Play Initiative.
c. The Ramblers.
d. Llansamlet Walking Group.
e. Kilvey Hill Trail Runners.
f. Kilvey Hill Toddler Treckers.
g. Three County Bloodhounds (dry boot hunt)
h. Mountain Bike Groups
i. Bon y Maen Boxing Club
j. Coal Spoil Fungi and Mychology Group.
k. The Morian Project

l.Horse Riding Groups
m. Horse and Carriage riders.
n. Ornothology Groups.
o. Wildlife Watch.
P. And the thousands of individuals who enjoy the hill for free.
Yours faithfully

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Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 29 January 2024 21:53
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R19a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 29 January 2024 21:56
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Comments	Beautiful countryside currenly unspoilt does not need development and destruction of even more countryside

R 20a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 29 January 2024 22:47
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	Please don't do this Kilvey Hill, it is a beautiful place to explore and should be maintained as a wild and free place for the health and well-being of the people of Swansea and tourists alike….the views are amazing in its natural state we don't need a skyline to appreciate the beauty of the hill we need more wildlife, people will travel for miles for the chance to be bathed in the sound of bird song and see a wonderful natural view. Not a man made ugly noisy, concrete mess….we have towns and high rise buildings and big wheels already to see that view! Stop the skyline now

R 21a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 30 January 2024 08:18
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments

I object to these plans. It will have an environmental impact. Permanently destroying an area of woodland and natural beauty. It will ruin habitat for birds and animals. It will destroy the beauty of the area and be an eye sore.
It will also bring extra traffic into the area and that will create further environmental damage to a natural area.
The destruction of mature trees will not be able ro be offset and will further set back our carbon targets and contribute to global warming.
This project is not needed.

R22a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	31 January 2024 10:34
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I wish to object to this development. Common land is essential both for wildlife and for providing a space for recreation and wellbeing. I object to a commercial proposal being forced upon residents. I have yet to meet anyone who wants it. Please keep our common land common! It belongs to the people, not developers.

IR23a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 31 January 2024 12:59
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments I have a bad feeling about this proposal and am concerned that insufficient attention has been paid to rights of common land users and local flora and fauna. Will the facility be affordable to the local community or only targeted at tourists?

R24a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	31 January 2024 18:05
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I absolutely object to the skyline project going ahead! It is going to ruin our beautiful kilvey hill, bring decline to our wildlife and noise pollution to surrounding areas. It is not something that Swansea wants or needs. Please put a stop to this horrendous idea. If it ends up going ahead It will end up an eye sore just like the ski slope, it is a waste of resources and money. Money that could be spent on the surrounding communities instead.

R 25a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 31 January 2024 18:26
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Common land must not be disposed of. Build on brown belt ex buildings instead.

R 26a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 01 February 2024 14:43
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal- DVP-00274779/SAE
Attachments: Kilvey Hill Disposal Notice Buglife Objection Feb 2024.pdf

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Hello,

Please find attached Buglife's objection to the Notice of Disposal.

If you are able to acknowledge receipt of this objection, that would be appreciated.

Thanks

(Please note my usual working days are Tuesday, Wednesday AM, Thursday)

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improving accessibility to open space." Kilvey Hill is clearly a well-used and valued green space that supports the aims of the LDP in areas such as social and culture and the environment. As the LDP has identified the need to improve access to open space, disposing of the land for development and thereby reducing peoples access to open space does not appear justified.

Buglife would also question if the disposal would align with the Councils responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015[3]. This requires Swansea Council to consider the long-term impact of decisions and if those decisions will deliver on the well-being goals set out in the Act.

Buglife urges Swansea Council to recognise the immense value of this wildlife-rich and locally valued land and not to dispose of it for development.

Please do contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

[3] Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015: the essentials [HTML] | GOV.WALES

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Quest House
St. Mellons
Cardiff
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E-mail: wales@buglife.org.uk

By e-mail only: kilveyhill.posn@swansea.gov.uk

1st February 2024

Dear Geoff Bacon (Head of Property Services),

Re: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal- DVP-00274779/SAE

Buglife - The Invertebrate Conservation Trust would like to respond to the notice of disposal of open space of land forming part of Kilvey Hill, St Thomas, Swansea SA1 8ED by the grant of a lease of such land to Skyline Swansea Limited for a new leisure development.

Buglife objects to this proposed disposal.

Kilvey Hill is clearly an open space of importance to the local community providing access to a local green space close to the city of Swansea, opportunities that are vital for maintaining well-being and good health. The Open Spaces Society have identified that a large proportion of the land proposed for disposal is mapped as access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, enabling people to walk freely in the area. Buglife understands that if the land was leased to Skyline Swansea, current public access would be severely restricted. In addition, all of the other benefits the site currently provides would also be compromised.

Kilvey Hill is also a key local wildlife site, allowing residents opportunities to connect with nature alongside providing important habitat for a wide range of wildlife. The area also offers chances to be involved with the many different local community groups that use the hill, therefore providing social connection and contributing to a healthy community.

Under Swansea Councils Constitution, Part 4.7 Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules)[1] that include the disposal of land, Section 3 states that land is unlikely to be surplus if "*The Land is currently required to deliver their operational functions.*"

The Swansea Local Development Plan (LDP) 2010-2025[2] states "*The County supports an extensive green space network, which is vital to economic, environmental and community well being, and more Green Infrastructure is needed to meet national guidance and local requirements for*

[1] Agenda frontsheet Friday 08 Oct 2021 Council Constitution Part 4.7.pdf (swansea.gov.uk)

R 27a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 02 February 2024 11:44
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill open space disposal, ref DVP-00274779/SAE

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Dear Tracey Meredith

Kilvey Hill open space disposal, ref DVP-00274779/SAE

The Open Spaces Society is Britain's oldest national conservation body, founded in 1865. We campaign for common land, town and village greens, open spaces, and public paths in Wales and England, and people's rights to enjoy them. The society objects most strongly to the notice of disposal of part of an open space at Kilvey Hill, St Thomas, Swansea.

Any disposal must be in accordance with Swansea Council's policy, which we understand to be the Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules) 2021. The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is unlikely to be surplus.

The land which is proposed for disposal is of immense public value. It is criss-crossed by unrecorded public highways, which the council has not yet added to the definitive map of public rights of way. The council has no up-to-date definitive map since it was not required to produce one until 1983. Many of the unrecorded routes are bridleways and restricted byways, so that horse-riders, cyclists, and carriage drivers are particularly adversely affected. While they have been pressing for these routes to be added to the map, the council has pleaded insufficient resources and has failed to add them.

Much of the land proposed for disposal is mapped as access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, so that people have a right to wander freely here on foot. The threatened land is close to people's homes, providing recreational opportunities on their doorstep. Open Spaces and paths are vital for people's health and well-being, more now than ever—as the pandemic highlighted.

The disposal of this magnificent stretch of land will be severely detrimental to local residents and will deny them the crucial chance to enjoy the outdoors without needing to travel.

We submit therefore that the land is not surplus to requirements, and that it would be unlawful for the council to dispose of it.

Yours sincerely

The Open Spaces Society

website www.oss.org.uk
The Open Spaces Society is a registered charity (no 1144840) and a company limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales (no 7846516).

Support our legal-action appeal

And help us fund legal action to protect the open spaces and paths we all love.

Read my blog at http://campaignerkate.wordpress.com/

The Open Spaces Society has staff with exhaustive experience in handling matters related to our charitable purposes. While every endeavour has been made to give our considered opinion, the law in these matters is complex and subject to differing interpretations. Such opinion is offered to help members, but does not constitute formal legal advice. Please obtain our permission before sharing, reproducing or publishing any opinion.

R28

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	03 February 2024 01:13
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	This is really devastating. In the face of climate change, to which the built environment and construction sector contributes a staggering 40% of all UK emissions, there is almost nothing that can justify approving projects that destroy natural landscapes that people benefit socially, physically and for their mental well-being as a place of tranquility. These places provide homes for biodiversity, they sequester carbon in the soil and through the trees, they are critical sites for the wildlife and more than human species that live in the area. Socially they benefit people by creating space for mobility and movement, activity like this helps peoples mental health and well-being stay healthy, and is a free space that people can access. In the mental health crisis that we're in and the cost of living crisis, reducing community spaces and assets, and

introducing barriers through paid access to these kinds of spaces is really irresponsible.
Hope to see these hills kept up and encouraged to be used by people in a way that encourages a connection to nature.

R29a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 03 February 2024 09:30
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: LAND DISPOSAL - KILVEY HILL DVP-00274779/SAE
Attachments: LAND DISPOSAL OBJECTION DOCUMENT.docx; OBJECTION 8 - FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.docx

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REF DVP-00274779/SAE

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF E-MAIL - THANK YOU.

FROM

Dear sir or Madam

I attach two documents in respect of the following.

DVP-00274779/SAE
DISPOSAL OF LAND ON KILVEY HILL

The document I wrote relating to the future Generations Act was originally written as a planning objection but I believe it is relevant to this issue also.

Please would you acknowledge receipt of this e-mail - I was unable to submit via the website despite repeated attempts.

Thank you for your time.

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FROM

OBJECTIONS TO DISPOSAL OF LAND ON KILVEY HILL

COUNCIL REF NUMBER DVP-00274779/SAE

Points to note before my objections:

a) The land in question is still subject to confirmation tof council ownership. The application to register the land via adverse possession remains in dispute.

b) The notice refers to land in St Thomas Ward – I believe this should be amended to include Bonymaen Ward At the time of writing I have not received an answer to e-mails sent regarding this issue.

c) The notice has not been placed near the right of way from Llanerch Road to the top of the Hill (unlike the planning applications). I believe this excludes publicity in Bonymaen. At the time of writing I have not received an answer to e-mails regarding this issue.

d) The process by which this kind of application is determined is unclear to me. Is this determined by a particular committee in the way that planning decisions are determined?

e) There is lack of detail regarding the lease. The public should have access to the proposals and what would be permitted.

OBJECTIONS

1) Concerns regarding financial sustainability
Claiming money from any lease to Skyline depends on the financial sustainability and annual visitor number being high enough. I suggest there are weaknesses and threats to the business case:
a) Acorn Tourism carried out a survey for Skyline. Very few people locally appear to have been asked.
b) At the pre planning consultation I was informed that a principal market would be people staying in Gower. I believe the primary motivation for Gower visitors are beaches / coastal scenery and that people are deterred from visiting Central and East Swansea due to length of time spent in traffic (particularly in Summer). At the same event the suggestion there that people would break a journey to or from home to visit Skyline is questionable also – it is too soon for a natural break on a longer journey home.

c) Tourism fashions change and in my lifetime (just over half of the proposed term of the lease) I have seen a number of closures in South Wales – some recently. Penscynor Bird Gardens, Ebbw Vale Cable Car, The Ski Slope in Swansea for example. 125 years is too long a commitment.
d) The Welsh Government's Tourism Barometer – summer wave 2023 reports that less than a half of tourism businesses have reported an upturn due to escalating costs.
e) Threats to financial success must include the unexpected. A pandemic cannot be ruled out. Weather events were a prime reason for Penscynor closing – (on safety grounds there will be days when some rides on Kilvey could not open due to high winds) Natural events cannot be ruled out – the Ospreys besting at the Green Man have caused curtailment of development.
f) Terms of lease are unclear. Swansea council are granting help via a loan and proposing to lease the land in question. How would the money be reclaimed in the event of lack of financial success for the venture?
g) Costs are rising continually. Will Skyline ask for more financial help? What would be the safeguards if so?
h) Fluctuations in cost of living affect people's ability to spend on non essentials. This represents a continuing threat to the viability of tourism ventures which would have to be expensive due to the costs of infrasturcture and maintaining staff.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND NOT CREATE SUCH AN IMPOSITION ON LAND. IT IS VERY HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE STRUCTURE PLACED BY SKYLINE WOULD HAVE ALTERNATIVE USE AND AN AREA OF 'WHITE ELEPHANTS' COULD BE LEFT.

2) Against the wishes of many local people
concerns have been raised by many and is reflected in:
a) A petition against the Welsh Government granting £4 million to Skylne for the development included over 1,000 Swansea signaures
b) A survey of 245 people in the immediate localities of Kilvey Hill (by Kilvey Woodland Volunteers) revealed much opposition. Concerns included environmental degredation, traffic, locc of green space, noise on Hill.

3) Environmental Protection
There is no information as to how environmental protection would be ensured. Can the Council guarantee the resources to monitor the situation and respond to the public concerns when so much control would be given to Skyline of the area). Guarantee for 125 years seems very unlikely.

4) Access and rights of way
The area in question is open access land and a quiet space. Natural green and quiet spaces are well recognised as providing benefits to individuals in terms of mental and physical health and well being. Kilvey is particularly positive currently being near to

areas of deprivation e.g. Bonymaen 1 Lower Super Output Area is in the top 10% of deprived areas in Swansea and Wales) Some impacts are likely to be

a) The land includes a registered public right of way (from Llanerch Road) that has been used for hundreds of years. This I was told at consultation could be closed during the construction period (18 months – 2 years). What are the safeguards that the public right of way will not be unreasonably diverted or closed for lengthy or permanently.
b) There are also informal rights of way – there is no detail on how these would be affected.
c) The area in question includes a significant portion of the Open Access Land on Kilvey Hill – the proportion is calculated as 37% (much higher than the misleading figure quoted by Skyline of 9% of the Hill which doesn't allow for much existing private ownership – solar farm etc) . Aside from this there would be visual and sound impacts while walking near the areas affected. There would be the rights to fence areas ('safety and security') which are open access now. Access to areas at top of the Hill would be altered completely – currently a natural focal point for all.
d) The area is used extensively by walkers, horse riders, cyclists, dog walkers. What restrictions could apply – e.g. would well behaved dogs have to keep on leads, how safe are dogs and children near luge runs?
e) The survival of the designated quiet space must be called into question with the noise generating 'attractions' proposed.
f) The area is currently used by many individuals and groups – walking groups, young people's groups, volunteer groups, local Boxing Club and many others – for recreation. Volunteers have a long term commitment to the environment of Kilvey and have generated increased local interest in Kilvey Hill. There should be full consultation with all in this matter

5) Disposal would be against Swansea Council Open Spaces Strategy
I believe that disposal of land on Kilvey Hill would be against several points in the Strategy including
a) Encouraging 'greater community involvement and ownership in the management, maintenance and development of open spaces'
b) A strategic objective is 'to create, develop and sustain safe open space environments which can be enjoyed by all sections of the community'. Disposal to Skyline would be restrictive in threts to access and loss of quiet space. People without disposable income to spend on Kilvey Hill from local communities would be less likely to go near an expensive development. People with various health conditions / sensory needs have not been considered e.g. those with mental health isses or sensory disabilities.
c) Kilvey Hill has the potential to offer greater educational opportunities – nature, biodiversity etc especially for young people - in line with another of the strategic objectives

d) Improvement of mental and physical health is a strategic objective. The development proposals mention people with mobility problems (access could be provided in a simpler way) but not people with mental health problems, sensory and other disability and health issues.

6) Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
I believe disposal would be contrary to the Act . At the top of the Hill will be buildings. Within the Hill will be Luge Runs. Some areas will require fencing. This will impact on the free access of the land.

7) Well Being of Future Generations Act
I believe the disposal to be contrary to the Act. Attach separately points made in this respect about the Planning Application which I believe apply here also.

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FROM

[redacted]

DVP-00274779/SAE
DISPOSAL OF LAND ON KILVEY HILL

I believe the disposal does not align with the Future Generations Act as follows:

WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT GOALS

I do not believe that the Skyline development is in keeping with the goals of the Future Generations Act and summarise concerns in line with points in section 7.39 of the Planning Statement.

The length of the proposed lease (125 years) also draws into question whether future generations have been considered in line with the Act.

A Globally Responsible Wales
The Act involves aspects of sustainability which are little mentioned in the planning application if at all Sustainability is at the core of the intentions of the legislation and should include social aspects, health and well being.

Sustainability involves more than suggested for example:

a) Kilvey Hill is the main quiet, open access green space in East Swansea – very important for health and well being
b) Biodiversity cannot be enhanced by inclusion of artificial lighting and continual noise which the development proposals require
c) Carbon footprint should be included – examples - development will need additional resources for energy and water use. Carbon footprint of infrastructure – (no detail on the type of material used for luge tracks at present). Concrete / other for buildings. Carbon footprint of construction and other traffic.
d) Taking up space for building infrastructure where there is vegetation which currently absorbs carbon

A Prosperous Wales
a) Success of the venture seems to be assumed within the planning application and pre planning consultation with assumptions of 450,000 annual visits (as opposed to earlier figures given by council of 700,000 annually). There are no guarantees of this – Covid and cost of living situations have threatened other ventures. Due to climate change and increasing stormy weather we are witnessing there are likely to be an increasing number of days annually when it is not safe to operate the 'attractions' which must be another economic threat.
b) Lack of success would leave the area with unused infrastructure which on past experience could be subject to decay becoming eyesores.
c) In economic terms the assumption is financial success. However the monetary value of green, quiet spaces with regards to health and well being should be considered.
'Investing in a healthy environment is about the smartest thing we can do. It makes medical sense, because it will mean better health for all and less strain on the NHS. It makes economic sense, because it will save the NHS billions of pounds: the NHS could save an estimated £2.1

billion every year in treatment costs if everyone in England had access to good quality green space.

And it makes socio-political sense, because those who live in poor environments are also those who have the worst health and the lowest incomes: levelling up the environment will also help level up everything else.' (https://www.gov.uk/government/news/investing-in-nature-is-an-investment-in-the-nhs-says-environment-agency-chief-executive#:~:text=It%20makes%20economic%20sense%2C%20because,to%20good%20quality%20green%20space

A Resilient Wales

a) The number of jobs promised will depend on how successful the enterprise is. It is likely that some will be seasonal and part time given the estimates in variation of visitors and not be higher waged roles.

b) Skyline 'working with the community to provide long term use and benefits to Kilvey Hill' doesn't ring true. Over the years the Hill has benefited from community activity which is under threat given impacts on access to much of the popular current leisure and exercise taking place on the Hill. There are many groups using the Hill which have not been directly consulted on the use of the Hill to date.

A Healthier Wales

a) Some people may be encouraged outdoors but not in a healthy way if they are riding in a gondola as opposed to walking or cycling for exercise (currently enjoyed by individuals and more organised groups). Building infrastructure described is not encouraging exercise locally as a healthy pastime. The infrastructure will not encourage healthy exercise.

b) Hardly considered, if at all, is the effect of a noisy development on a green, quiet space in an area of deprivation. The status of the current quiet space must be called into question – at present it is a space with benefits to health and well being.

c) Hardly considered, if at all, are effects on people with disabilities – other than mobility. People with sensory issues and mental health problems merit consideration which has not been applied.

A More Equal Wales

a) There is no mention of disability other than mobility. It would be possible to enable access to the top from the Bonymaen side. Vans access the top at present.

b) There is no mention of the adverse effect on people with sensory or mental health conditions as mentioned earlier.

c) The development would be within areas of deprivation – in particular Bonymaen 1, in the top 10% of deprived Lower Super Output Areas in Wales is adjacent to Kilvey Hill. No consideration has been given to building near deprived communities and the negative impact for so many who would feel 'second class citizens' on the Hill – particularly if they were there with children who were unable to access the 'attractions'.

d) It seems that a survey carried out in 2018 by Acorn Tourism on behalf of Skyline asked very few local communities whether or not they would like to see this development.

A Wales of Cohesive Communities Wales

a) The proposals are not likely to create cohesion. People who use the Hill currently for quiet recreation will inevitably face restrictions to access. Proposals are that Skyline have a lease for about 30% of the accessible parts of the Hill (some of Hill is private land including a large solar farm so the earlier figures of 9% occupation of the Hill are not the true effects).

b) Sadly trying to find information on proposals was left to individual and group approaches as opposed to the Skyline company approaching the community. While there was a Zoom consultation before the more formal consultation (early 2023) this only came about due to pressure from within the local communities. This does not suggest a great willingness to approach people in the immediate localities of Kilvey Hill.

A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language

a) Use of Welsh language signs is welcome although it would be hoped that there would be more efforts e.g. encouraging staff to speak the language, provide information in Welsh and English.

b) There is little evidence that local historical culture would be respected. Kilvey Hill was of course decimated by nearly two hundred years of local industry but was part of outstanding effort at regeneration from the late 1960s onwards. Regeneration included many hundreds of local

volunteering hours. The Quaker seat at the top of this I understand was built during regeneration involving the Society of Friends. This would now be dwarfed by the proposals.
There has been little mention of the previous and continuing historical efforts and how these would be respected.
I understand that there is a possibility that an office space would be built over a cairn.

R 30a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	03 February 2024 12:42
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Comments	Hello I would like to object to the land on Kilvey Hill to Skyline for a leisure development. This will have a detrimental impact on the wildlife living on Kilvey Hill, which as described on Swansea City Council's website, is a refuge for wildlife as its largest urban fringe of woodland with the rare small blue butterfly recorded there. As well as a site of importance for nature conservation, it is loved by locals for its walks which would not be the same if developed. Maybe Swansea city centre, which is a very sad and depressing place could be redeveloped instead!

R31a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 03 February 2024 15:30
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Objection to Skyline Project

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Hello,

I am a resident of Walter road and I firmly object to the Skyline project on Kilvey hill. I am greatly concerned about both the environmental and community impact of this unjustifiable project.
It's an inappropriate use of land, when funds could be redirected and spent in other areas desperately in need of funding. The town centre is borderline derelict, high street is in a sorry state. People of Swansea still struggle with a lack of housing and addiction- left to struggle on the streets. There are empty buildings all over. Why build more? Why take away more land? Why bring tourism to somewhere that can't even provide for its residents?

Joni Mitchell's "paved paradise and put up a parking lot" seems incredible apt for this dire situation. Skyline is a vanity project and absolutely disgusting. Kilvey is important, rich in history and definitely does not need concrete dumped on it. The people on the hill deserve peace and to be left alone. People deserve a space totally untouched to get away from the stress of town. I don't have a car, and kilvey is the only place I am able to go on long walks for my mental health.

This project has been a terrifying prospect, for myself and friends alike. Perhaps ensure accessibility whilst maintaining the safety of nature within the woods, so that more residents of Swansea can have access to the area- NO to SKYLINE. NO TO PRIVATISING KILVEY HILL.

Again, I firmly object to the Skyline project.

Regards,

Sent from Outlook for iOS

R32a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 03 February 2024 16:15
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments

R33

Howard French

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Comments	Absolutely terrible idea. Poorly thought out concept! Complete and utter waste of green space that is regularly used and loved by many people. Appalling attempt to make money.

R 34a

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Comments Leave our Kilvey hill alone we don't want it developed or touched it's so beautiful up there all the wild life no need for it disgusting what they want to do we're all up in arms about this leave our Eastside ALONE we don't want or need it

R 35a

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Comments	I object to the disposal of some open space on kilvey hill St. Thomas

R36a

Howard French

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To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I oppose the disposal of land for a tourist attraction Its completely out of order and all in the name of money.

R37a

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Comments

Kilvey hill is a big part of our community and is used by so many people. As a psychotherapist I understand the importance of accessible natural spaces for the management of mental health and trauma. By denying access to the hill, you are sabotaging many people's ability to sooth and heal themselves through, nature, exercise and connections with others.
During covid walking on the hill was one of our main ways of coping. It would be so sad to rob people of that opinion.
I am fully opposed to this idea.

R38a

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Comments

I object to the skyline development.
We need to maintain our green spaces and bio diversity. We need to keep our trees and wildlife.
The destruction of kilvey hill will be absolutely heart breaking.
This cannot go ahead.
We love the hill as it is.

R39a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 03 February 2024 17:06
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal

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I object strongly to Swansea council leasing land which we don't even know belongs to them to be able to dispose of it.

- The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is not surplus.
- The proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council. The access land is therefore not surplus and it is unlawful for the council to dispose of it.
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land is designated to give the public a right to free access all areas of the land.
- The proposed disposal of this land to a private company for development will end this right. This area of KilveyHill is much loved and used by Swansea residents as a place for recreation and health benefits. Unregistered rights of way exist on the land.
- It is a designated quiet area. The peace and tranquillity of this natural area of countryside for residents will be lost by the disposal of this land to Skyline. The aim of the proposed development is aninflux of 450,000 tourists and the noise of people using thrill seeking activities.
- The proposed lease to Skyline of over 100 years is too long. In law the lease should be short.
- If the Skyline business does not succeed, public land will be lost forever. This is too much of a gamble with a valuable public resource.
- This low carbon emissions, wild area of countryside, will be transformed by the proposed large infrastructure with vehicular access road in daily use. Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality from vehicles, building materials and energy to heat and light the various structures will vastly increase carbon emissions in breach of Swansea council's net zero policy.
- The area will no longer have free open access for future generations as has been enjoyed for many current and past generations. It will become an area where people have to pay to use activities. This will deter use by families who cannot afford the charges. The communities living around the open access land are some of the most social and economically deprived in Wales. This will take away a valuable resource for health and well-being, contrary to the Future Generations (Wales) Act. Freely available Green spaces should be preserved for future generations.
- The disposal of open access land for development is contrary to the current Swansea Local Development Plan which designates this area as urban green wedge not to be developed on.
- No public engagement has taken place to explain what this notice means and gather public views

Skyline say that only 9% of the hill will be used. This is a ludicrous lie obviously believed by Swansea council. The infrastructure for pylons to carry cable cars and the

zip line. Plus the infrastructure to build the concrete runs, the fencing to keep out unwanted people, the café, the drainage will all involve the removal of the trees which were planted on the hill to try to balance the previous chemical destruction.
In the 70s it was considered an important project to give Kilvey Hill a chance to regenerate. Nowadays, we are advised to spend more time outdoors. We are told about the advantages of green spaces, flora and trees. Whilst we are trying to do the right thing. It appears that the council are virtually giving the land and money to Skyline.
If the changes were to go ahead, it would cause an instability. Wales doesn't need another Aberfan. Greed is not a good reason to destroy our wild and loved countryside.

R40a

Howard French

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Comments	I object to the disposal of this open access public land which should be retained for the benefit for the local community who have cared for and looked after what is now a beautiful, peaceful, environment much used by local and wider Swansea community impacting positively on their health and well-being . Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, open access land is designated to give the public a right to freely access all areas of the land, this development by a private company will remove this.

R41a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 03 February 2024 17:41
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Development Objection

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To whom it may concern,

I object to the disposal of land to make way for the development of the skyline attraction on Kilvey Hill. I believe that money should be focussed elsewhere within the city and that the environmental impact of the proposed plans outweighs the benefits of the development.

Regards.

R42a

Howard French

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Comments

I along with many many other residents of Swansea east and surrounding areas do strongly oppose proposed plans to dispose of land on Kilvey Hill in order to lease said land to skyline.
This proposed plan will bring nothing but more pollution to an already highly polluted area. I'm sure you yourself would not be happy with the proposed plans taking place on your very own doorstep?
Kilvey Hill boasts a myriad of the most beautiful plant life, animal life and insect life, as well as many very well established tree families which only aid in lowering pollution levels in an already heavily polluted area.

Kilvey hill has served as a lifeline, a means of therapy both psychological and physical for many residents of the Eastside for many years and continues to do so.

Whether that therapy be for mental or physical health reasons.

Many people who suffer from mental health issues use Kilvey Hill as a retreat, as a means to disconnect, spend time in nature and heal on an emotional and psychological level.
I'm sure you're aware of the advice given by medical professionals when somebody is experiencing ill mental health?
The advice is to spend time in nature, keep active and stay physically fit and we are lucky to have kilvey hill on our doorstep to do so.

But how on earth can the many many people who rely on Kilvey Hill to keep their mental health issues in check do this if Swansea Council proposes to lease kilvey hill to skyline?
So many people will suffer as a result and in turn as will their families.
This would be the result of the knock on effect set in motion by Swansea council agreeing to dispose of said land on kilvey hill to skyline.

Kilvey Hill is also used by many who have physical disabilities and are unable to travel further field due to said disabilities.
To enable these members of our community to enjoy walks in nature as a means of physio therapy and staying fit and healthy both physically and mentally.

Where will these people enjoy physical exercise as a means to stay fit, healthy, and well if Swansea council takes the means away by leasing it to skyline?
They cannot!
And their mental and physical health will only deteriorate further as a result!

Also, there is the wildlife, the plant life, the insect life?
As humans, we were given domain over animals nature to protect it.
If the skyline proposals go ahead this will be an impossibility in the already established area of natural beauty and wildlife that is kilvey hill.
All that will remain of the skyline proposal in 10 years if plans go ahead will be a plethora of ugly, rusty, decaying deteriorated metal where a once beautifully admirable piece of nature once stood.
This will be of no good or use to the community much like the outdoor artificial ski slope in Swansea.

Can you really justify taking away natures home for this?
Can you really justify cutting off a lifeline to those in need for this?
Can you really justify the amount of pollution this proposed plan will bring to the area?
Are you prepared to take responsibility?

We are trying to save this planet for future generations, not add to its deterioration!
We as a people have a responsibility to protect wildlife and our vulnerable neighbours, not take away natures home to make way for another addition to what already is a concrete jungle.
As swansea East residents this is our home and therefore we have a right to decide what goes on on our doorstep. Don't you agree?

Kind regards.

R43

Howard French

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R44a

Howard French

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Comments	I've been going up kilvey hill since I was a little kid (around 6 years old) with my father and my uncle, and would definitely consider this land a safe and naturally beautiful green space for wildlife. I would be distraught if the skyline development was to be introduced, as this would ruin the potential of any fond memories for my children and locals who also love this land. Please don't ruin this lovely land for the benefit of seasonal leisure. Everyone loves kilvey hill just as it is :(

IR45a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 03 February 2024 18:27
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Comments I'm not comfortable with this accession of a common open space for, what most people consider a puerile and poorly thought out seasonal leisure activity.

R46a

Howard French

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Sent: 03 February 2024 18:40
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Comments

My garden backs to the footpath of kilvey Hill, it will ruin our tranquil peace and quiet of our caldisac
Filling it with noise and pollution
The whole street are against it

R47a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments

I object to Skyline using the land on Kilvey Hill, Port Tennant, Swansea, to erect a sky lift which will serve no purpose other than disrupting an area of beauty and nature which is valuable to the balance in the area between city life and wildlife. It is an area of great value to the local residents for freedom to walk, run, roam and benefits people's well-being and mental health. The explosion of tourists to this area will alienate local people to enjoy their green space and gives in to corporate dominance over people's choice again. The council need to listen to the local people and take heed as this is likely to create huge local stress and infrastructure help when visitors use an already congested area in StThomas and Port Tennant to park cars and the lift will create noise and will look out of place. There are no skiing areas or high areas to access that are needed by the public, there is no need for this development and I predict that the cost will probably be so high that it will not appeal

to people as it will be unaffordable, therefore, disproportionate to benefit to poverty ridden local youth.

R45a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 03 February 2024 19:22
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: DVP-00274779/SAE Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal

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Please can my views be submitted in objection to the proposal and I wish to receive an acknowledgment that this has been done please.
Thank you

R49a

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Comments	I object to the grant of a lease of such land to skyline Swansea ltd. for a new leisure development. As this land is more important to everyone and our planet in it's current natural form and beauty.

R 50a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments	I am opposed to the selling of any part of Kilve Hill. Our wildlife will be under threat. Streets of homes will be at risk of flooding. The proposed skyline development will rarely be used due to the climate in Wales.

R51a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments	I completely oppose the development of the skyline. I believe it will not only be a destruction of the natural beauty and biodiversity of the area, which apparently governments really care about, but also a complete waste of money. Who will be the intended customers. With the government making life almost unliveable with the cost of living crisis, energy crisis, constant wars and the fear mongering of future wars and new pandemics, not to mention Labour making driving unbearable in order to "Protect the Planet" Just exactly who has the time and money for such "leisure"? What is the carbon footprint of this project? There's a lot of history on Kilvey Hill, a lot of memories that people hold dear. Preserving this is far more important than making money.

R52a

Howard French

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	What a scandalous thing to do with our beautiful natural Kilvey Hill!!! Please stop any developments and this appalling zip line idea.

R53a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 03 February 2024 21:18
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: DVP-00274779/SAE - Kilvey hill Open Space Disposal

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To whom it may concern,

I am completely and utterly against the Skyline & I am totally disgusted at the fact that Swansea Council want to take over, demolish & also kill off wildlife on Kilvey. I live on Gwynne Terrace and I do not want this to go ahead. Kilvey Hill is a place that I very much enjoy. I struggle with depression & I find that the forestry, views & wildlife help to ease my mental state. It is a very peaceful place to go.

I find it very upsetting that this is going to be taken away. Surely this should not go ahead due to environmental issues that this is going to cause??

I am totally confused as too why swansea council would even consider destroying our hill.

This is very distressing for my mental health.

R 54a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	03 February 2024 21:24
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I want to preserve natural

R55a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 03 February 2024 21:28
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Stop make kilvey hill a site for the developpement!!! Keep the freedom

R 56

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	03 February 2024 21:31
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	I object to the disposal of the kilvey hill access land. Community Benefit and Access: I question whether the proposed leisure development by Skyline Swansea Limited truly maximizes community benefit and maintains access to the whole community. The importance of Kilvey Hill as an open space for recreational and environmental well-being, and how its transformation might restrict public access or conflict with existing community values and uses. Sustainability and Environmental Impact: The potential adverse effects on the local environment and biodiversity. I query whether the development aligns with sustainable development principles, considering Kilvey Hill's role in local ecology, its status

as a quiet area, and the need to preserve green spaces under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Impact on Public Rights and Access under the CRoW Act:
The potential impact on public rights of way and access to open land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
whether the development might limit or remove public access to parts of Kilvey Hill that are currently enjoyed by the community.

Alignment with Local Development Plans:
The proposed development is in alignment with Swansea's Local Development Plan, particularly regarding green space protections, biodiversity, and community well-being. Highlight any discrepancies between the proposed development and the strategic vision for Swansea's green spaces and community assets.

R57a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 03 February 2024 21:46
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAI

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Comments

Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal

I object to the proposal of the disposal of any land on Kilvey Hill.

My family and I love the peace and nature of Kilvey Hill and regularly visit this beautiful site. Please leave the land and allow us this green space in Swansea.

R58a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 03 February 2024 22:09
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments It's a wonder of nature that I've seen heal it self in my life time and now you want to rip it apart 😬.

R51a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	03 February 2024 23:11
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	I strongly object to the disposal of any land forming part of Kilvey Hill for the reasons outlined below: This land is not surplus to requirements. It is used daily by walkers, dog walkers, horses & riders. The footpaths are governed by the C.R.O.W Act 2000 and the impact on public access and current use will be severely affected. This is one of very few green spaces within walking distance of the local community and in my opinion this should be protected at all costs. The Future Generations Act incorporates the well-being of this community which will undoubtedly be adversely affected by these plans.

The peace and tranquillity enjoyed by many people in this area is a welcome break from the stressful lives so many of us lead. The proposed plans will, in my opinion severely effect the wellbeing of those people.

I am also concerned about the effect on the biodiversity of Kilvey Hill. It has been a beautiful, natural haven for wildlife for generations, and long may that continue for future generations to enjoy.

R60a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 00:10
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments

I object to the disposal of this land to Skyline on the following grounds.
One:
This proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council.
The access land is therefore not surplus and it is unlawful for the council to dispose, disregard or disrespect it.
Two:
Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land is designated to give the public a right to free access all areas of the land.
Your plan will disturb this.
Three:

606

It is a designated quiet, peaceful and tranquillity natural area of countryside enjoyed not only by residents, but also home to a litter of wildlife.
This Skyline project will result in the slaughter and destruction of numerous animals as well as wildlife and their homes.
The wildlife of Kilvey Hill also have rights, and this plan in my eyes is a direct violation and abuse of those rights.
And fourth.
I am also shocked by the utter lack of public engagement with this proposed plan. Almost no effort had been made to make the public and people of Swansea aware of such a plans. Further more, no effort has been taken to gather a common view of consensus on the topic.

Kilvey Hill is one of the view hill left in Swansea which has been been completely dominated and violated by buildings and roads.
Lets leave something alone for mother nature shall we.

R61a

Howard French

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Sent: 04 February 2024 07:18
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments

Kilvey Hill has always been there for me its my sanctuary. I go there when I've had a bad week and I need to get away and clear my head. I go there to walk my dogs. I go there when im happy and sit at the top with a picnic and enjoy the views. I go there every year and get my Christmas tree and join the festivities with friends carols around the camp fire. Kilvey is unique! kilvey is my friend!!! Kilvey is a big part of my life and so many others I meet on the hill. Don't take it away!!!
local resident

R62a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 08:46
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments I just feel this is going to affect the people living nearby.

R63a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 08:54
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Kiley hill is a piece of precious open space which is very much lacking in the area discussed. We as a family have enjoyed many years of Xmas tree collection and crafting which has been such a wonderful experience for all the children and the community! We do not need anymore built up areas, this area is the limited space available for wildlife to flourish.

R64a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 09:04
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments I object to the skyline on Kilvey Hill

R65a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 09:05
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments I object to this. Please keep green spaces green.

R66a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 09:06
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the skyline on Kilvey Hill spoiling an area of natural beauty

R67a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 09:10
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Totally object. No need for this to spoil a beautiful place

R68a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 09:14
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: DVP-00274779/SAE

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Good morning,

Kilvey Hill has an open space for recreational and environmental well-being, and i believe amongst many people that its transformation might restrict public access or conflict with existing community values and uses.

I object. Hope this will be taken into consideration.

Kind Regards

R69a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to skyline project on Kilvey Hill It will cause huge disruption to local community , and devaste the natural environment of kilvey Hill. ,

R70a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 09:44
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Comments Absolutely terrible idea. Do not lease the land.

R71a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I object to the disposal of the land on Kilvey. The hill is a valuable natural resource as it is and is used regularly by walkers, cyclists and others. I would also question whether the land is in the gift of the council to dispose of. My 13 year old son has spent time there throughout his life, doing bushcraft courses and volunteering activities. To dispose of it for development is short sighted, and would, I believe, deny the people of swansea of a hard- won green space. (I refer to the historical re-greening of what was 'the black hill'). Open access to green spaces and the preservation of the diverse ecology would both do a better job of fulfilling the future generations act than would the disposal of a cherished community asset, which generations of swansea folk have enjoyed, and put their heart and soul into.

R72a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments I would like to register my objection to this proposal. Preservation of this natural environment should be the priority as we are in a Climate Emergency.

R73a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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R736

The development is against the spirit of the well being goals of the Future Generations Act Wales, not only in terms of health amd resilience of communities but also in the suppression of local culture by profit driven commercial tourism.
The development will have a significant carbon footprint in its construction and operation, generating traffic (estimated 450,000 visitors / year), plus traffic in connection with supply, operations (e.g. tankers emptying septic tanks) all with attendant pollution, atmospheric, noise and particulates. These will be negative effects on all adjacent communities.
The development of this area of land does not figure in the local development plan.
A 100 year lease will entail the land for too long, it is possible that the Skyline development will be a commercial disappointment or a failure because it is distant from large conurbations. A valuable public amenity will very likely be permanently despoiled.

R74a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 10:38
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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R75a

Howard French

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Comments	This is currently public access land. Sale will/may exclude the public from enjoying this area. It is a short gain for a long term public loss and so should be stopped.

R 76a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 11:02
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	This is an important area for wildlife. The proposed development is likely to disrupt the balance of the ecosystem. A more sympathetic leisure area may be acceptable

R77a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 11:08
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	It's a wonder of nature that I've seen heal it self in my life time and now you want to rip it apart 😬.

R78a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 11:25
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill

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I live in Swansea and I reject the idea of building the skyline project on environmental grounds. I don't believe the project will work and I think it will upset the locals who live in the area and cause more traffic pollution. I think the money would be better served for the proposed cycle path between uplands and sketty.

R79a

Howard French

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Sent: 04 February 2024 11:26
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Comments Please, leave a bit of green for Swansea in the city - places like Singleton Park and manufactured green spaces and only serve West Swansea. Building on green land (Kilvey Hill) but then claiming that Swansea is aiming for environmental and air pollution targets is very counter productive. And besides, does every bit of space have to be commercialized? As someone who is born and bred in Swansea I disagree with this Skyline project

R80a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 12:16
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Objection

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As a resident of Swansea and user of Kilvey Hill now and again I am against this proposal. To me Swansea Council is a supporter of green spaces and there aren't that many spaces within the city (Singleton park is a manufactured green space) that enable a sense of freedom. This will add to air pollution and will just to the East Side of Swansea looking like lump of concrete - bad enough with the gormless prison looking Swansea University in Jersey Marine that created huge air pollution no doubt and increased Swansea's contribution to our carbon foot print massively. Please, reconsider this - not every bit of land has to be commercialized. In addition look at that lump of concrete where the park used to be in Swansea City by McDonalds - an absolute eyesore but before it was built in to this it was a tiny bit of green space and Swansea Council is looking to revert back to that. Will this end up happening with Kilvey Hill when people have done it once and then the summer holidays are over and loss of green regret will set in. For 3/4 of the year we are a wet and windy city - aside from school holiday periods it'll be empty Mon-Fri and only used on nice days; we're not California. And finally, there are generation of local people who have grown up around Kilvey Hill - I don't believe it is right that their opinions are bulldozed over. I am against this.

R81a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 12:18
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Objection Kilvey Hill

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Signed:

R82a

Howard French

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Sent:	04 February 2024 12:20
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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R83a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 12:56
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Comments	I strongly object to the disposal of part of the land on Kilvey hill to allow the construction of a Skyline. My basis for objection is that it will destroy the habitat of wild life and cause considerable and ongoing upheaval for the residents of Grenfell Park and St Thomas.

R84a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 13:25
To: Kilvey Hill POSN

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I have already sent an email for objection, however not fully reading this is regarding the council buying the land. I believe that the council shouldn't buy this land, there have been many Important projects over the years on the land for the local community. Plus local enjoyment for that part of Swansea. I've heard other skyline projects have been disastrous. The money for land would be better served towards local urban farm projects in this era of climate emergency. For securing peace of mind for future generations. I deliberately and intentionally didn't have any children because I was concerned about the future welfare of the environment and I should imagine other people feel the same way

R85a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 13:41
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: OBJECTION TO THE DISPOSAL OF GREEN SPACE AT KILVAY HILL

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I wish to air my objection to the disposal of this much loved and utilised public green space.
Kilvay Hill has been managed, developed, cared for re-wilded and used by many thousands of members of the general public for decades now.
It hosts a vast array of wildlife and is sympathetically used by volunteers, offering free, green, social events for the people of Swansea and the surrounding areas.
I do not believe this land is "disposable" it is well used and well loved by the residents of Swansea and I wish the council to keep it as a green space that can be accessed by everyone..

R86a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 13:49
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I enjoy escaping to Kilvey Hill for walks and such. The Skyline proposal will destroy this sanctuary. Similar projects in better locations around the world have failed and left tons of concrete in the ground. Let Kilvey Hill continue to rejuvenate and the local people have somewhere quiet in nature to go and enjoy. Please.

R87a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 14:05
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I object to the disposal of the land on Kilvey Hill. Open spaces are important for health, well being,community cohesion, biodiversity and the many activities which happen on Kilvey Hill. The land should be there for the residents of Swansea to use for free. Not for Skyline who will charge money for people to use it.

R38a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 14:07
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Comments The land is used for many functions and the natural eco-systems are not being vandalised at the moment ... it is a crime to spoil something that works well for all. Thank you.

R89a

Howard French

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Comments	I strongly object to the disposal of this land to Skyline on the following grounds. The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is not surplus. The proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council. The access land is therefore not surplus and it is unlawful for the council to dispose of it. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land is designated to give the public a right to free access all areas of the land. The proposed disposal of this land to a private company for development will end this right. This area of Kilvey Hill is much loved and used by

Swansea residents as a place for recreation and health benefits.
Unregistered rights of way exist on the land and should be respected.
It is a designated quiet area and should remain that way. The peace and tranquility of this valued natural area of countryside for residents and indeed the wildlife there will be lost by the disposal of this land to Skyline. The ecological importance of the site has not been taken into account, local people greatly value this haven for wildlife and humanity.
The aim of the proposed development is an influx of 450,000 tourists and the noise of people using thrill seeking activities. Quiet spaces in a city are extremely important and should be valued as such.
The proposed lease to Skyline of over 100 years is excessive. In law the lease should be short.
If the Skyline business does fails, which in the current economic climate is highly likely the public land will be lost forever. This is too much of a gamble with a valuable public resource.
This low carbon emissions, wild and wildlife rich area of countryside, will be transformed by the proposed large infrastructure with vehicular access road in daily use. Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality from vehicles, building materials and energy to heat and light the various structures will vastly increase carbon emissions in breach of Swansea council's net zero policy.
Future generations will be denied free, open access to the area that has been enjoyed by many current and past generations. It will become an area where people have to pay to use activities. This will deter use by families who cannot afford the charges. The communities living around the open access land are some of the most social and economically deprived in Wales. This will take away a valuable resource for health and well-being, contrary to the Future Generations (Wales) Act. Freely available Green spaces should be preserved for future generations. It is against the best interest and needs of the local community.
The disposal of open access land for development is contrary to the current Swansea Local Development Plan which designates this area as urban green wedge not to be developed on.
No public engagement has taken place to explain what this notice means and gather public views.

R90a

Howard French

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Comments	New development idea for Kilvey Hill is a vast concern for residents of nearby areas but is also a worry for the wildlife and I would like to make it clear that I object and hope this project will not go ahead. The project threatens Kilvey Hill's diverse ecosystems which will lead to significant habitat destruction, therefore raising serious ecological concerns and questions about our commitment to biodiversity and worries about habitat connectivity of the site. Birds such as skylarks whose conservation status is RED, according to RSPB data, along with other wildlife will diminish along with their respective habitats. The forest- like nature of the hill provides vital habitats for local and migrant birds (such and night jar, fieldfare) and so should remain

untouched. Kilvey Hill is a special location that incorporates habitats such as woodland, heathland, wetland and meadow.

The whole project is entirely at odds with the promise from the Welsh government to maintain green spaces. And Kilvey Hill is a beautiful example of a green space that created a lively space for both residents but most importantly wildlife.

Although Skyline planning is supposedly not going to take over the whole of the Kilvey Hill the destruction of even a small portion can have a negative impact on the local wildlife. And if the project goes ahead, the future the loud noises can have a detrimental effect on the wellbeing of animals.

Allocating 12.4 million of public funding raises questions about fiscal responsibility and could be better used for community projects and poorer areas of Swansea to tackle the project's alignment with community priorities.

The attraction that the Skyline is advertised to be, is going to be only a seasonal one, with only seasonal job opportunities but with permanent destruction to beloved nature place. Tourists who are coming to Swansea are attracted to Gower Peninsula and I believe that what is important to maintain and expand. The council should seek to invest into and support local businesses. Skyline may be profitable for a short time but this is not what the city needs long term to thrive.

The Skyline Project will shift the economic balance in the area and change the character of the neighborhood for the worse. Large-scale developments will lead to increased commercialisation and alter the social and economic fabric of the community. This will impact the overall economic landscape and affect the local businesses and community lifestyle, potentially in methods that are not aligned with the needs and values of existing residents.

In light of these concerns and the above points, I urge the consideration of alternative and more sustainable plans. A public meeting and further community consultation is essential to ensure transparency and align development with community interests.

R91a

Howard French

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Comments

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am [redacted] a concerned community member, an advocate for sustainable development, residing in Plasmarl with great views of Kilvey Hill and I am writing to express my deep concern over the Kilvey Hill Skyline "development" project.

The upcoming two-year construction phase, along with the proposed extensive building works will severely disrupt our community and dramatically alter the landscape of Kilvey Hill. I am very worried about the environmental and social impacts and the noise disruption in what is currently a peaceful and quiet area and a highly-valued community space.

Turning Kilvey Hill from a designated quiet area into a construction site and transforming it into a commercial venue contradicts its current purpose, thus being a direct threat to its natural tranquillity.

This so-called development poses a risk to cherished community activities and diminish green spaces essential for local youth and community well-being, with alcohol becoming available on the hill.

The project also threatens Kilvey Hill's diverse ecosystems which will lead to significant habitat destruction, therefore raising serious ecological concerns and questions about our commitment to biodiversity and worries about habitat connectivity of the site. Birdsong and wildlife will diminish along with their respective habitats. The forest- like nature of the hill provides vital habitats for local and migrant birds and so should remain untouched.

The whole project is entirely at odds with the promise from the Welsh government to maintain green spaces.

Allocating £12.4 million of public funding raises questions about fiscal responsibility and could be better used for community projects and poorer areas of Swansea to tackle the project's alignment with community priorities.

The money could be used for developing the city itself, maintaining the beaches and natural beauty of Swansea Bay because that's what attracts tourists.

For example, the opening of attractions in town would draw tourists and help locals by providing better job opportunities. The skyline would be a merely temporary attraction with short term job vacancies in the summer season only. This would make the project insufficient for long- term community benefit. Having a skyline in that location wouldn't be a good idea as you won't see much, far worse in fact than what you can see from experiencing Kilvey Hill on foot.

The anticipated increase in traffic along with the project's insufficient infrastructure planning will cause significant disruption and create accessibility challenges for local residents, not to mention the increase in air pollution.

The Skyline Project will shift the economic balance in the area and change the character of the neighborhood for the worse. Large-scale developments will lead to increased commercialisation and alter the social and economic fabric of the community. This will impact the overall economic landscape and affect the local businesses and community lifestyle, potentially in methods that are not aligned with the needs and values of existing residents.

In light of these concerns and the above points, I urge the consideration of alternative and more sustainable plans. A public meeting and further community consultation is essential to ensure transparency and align development with community interests.

I look forward to your response/further dialogue on these critical issues.

Yours sincerely,

R92a

Howard French

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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments

I would like to submit my objection to the "Notice of disposal of part of an open space - land known as Kilvey Hill St Thomas"
Community Benefit and Access:
I would like to state that the open spaces on Kilvey Hill in their current state are vital as they are now. The reasons are because currently Kilvey Hills open space provides vital spaces for recreational and environmental well-being, however its transformation might restrict public access or conflict with existing community values and uses.I have always enjoyed walking around this area as a child and brought my own children on walks here. Having the freedom to access it without restriction has aSince 2018 I have been bringing my family to Forest school and Bush craft sessions and community events run by the wonderful Kilvey hill community volunteers . My children have thoroughly enjoyed this and it has provided an essential escape from obsession with video

game devices. This is much healthier for their mental and physical wellbeing. I have witnessed kids re inventing video games such as Fortnight in the open air which is absolute amazing Our dog came and really enjoyed being in the natural habitat and the freedom to roam for dogs is essential. This ties in with The wellbeing act of Future Generations act Wales 2015 I have photographic evidence which I could submit also

Sustainability and Environmental Impact:
I would like to emphasise the potential adverse effects on the local environment and biodiversity. After the industrial revolution -with the Copper works etc on the hill the nature has now regenerated naturally and the bio diversity of this area is incredible. Nigel Robbins gave a talk on this and has written books and publications to substantiate this.I was also told this as a child with sustainable development principles, considering Kilvey Hill's role in local ecology, its status as a quiet area, and the need to preserve green spaces under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) 2015
In summary I would like to point out that I question the right of the Council to dispose of land that is used by the Community and it feels it will impact public access. I feel there has been no transparency and no indication on the notices why the Council wishes to dispose of the land and how it will best serve the whole community . I feel it is unjust to dispose of land that is already being utilised for the whole of the community and preserved for future generations by The Kilvey Woodland volunteers and other community

R-13a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 16:33
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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This land is precious for community use. For mental wellbeing and physical activities which we're all needing
Our council must please consult with us what we want this land used for . It's been regarded for generations as open access for walkers mountain bikers horse riders etc .
It's also in a designated Quiet Area
And important for wildlife. I've seen hares rabbits frogs lizards Red kites kestrels nightjars and many more
Will the council protect these?
Doubtful i feel

R94-a

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Im a local resident living on the East side of Swansea. I strongly obecject to the disposal of land at Kilvey hill. I have live here all my life and its the only green space in the area. To walk and be in nature. I feel it is important to maintain the access of this area for the mental health and for recreactional activities of the local community. Also from the perspective of conservation and protection of local wikd life.

R915a

Howard French

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Comments	I strongly object to the disposal of council land for this development, which has been objected to through the Planning Application process as well, for the following reasons: 1. Valuable public open space, once disposed of, is rarely, if ever, replaced, and so is in ever dwindling supply. Please do not reduce the opportunities available for people to use public open space. 2. We are in an era of councils (among many others) encouraging people to use the outdoors for the health and wellbeing benefits this brings, and with the duty to uphold the values of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Disposal of this piece of valuable open space would be action against these two principles. 3. The people of Swansea do not want this development, a private business with very few local beneficiaries wants it. Swansea Council exists to

serve the people of Swansea, not private businesses and so should not dispose of the land.

R96a

Howard French

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Comments

I object to the development of kilvey hill on many grounds.
It is best left as it is as it is great habitat for wildlife, a great outlet of nature for the people of Swansea and to visitors alike as it is.
This development does nothing for the people of Swansea and I think it is crucial that this land is maintained as public space for us all to enjoy and preserve for future generations.

R917a

Howard French

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Comments	I strongly object to the disposal and development of Kilvey Hill for the following reasons: Green spaces should be preserved for local residents, visitors to Swansea and future generations. Everybody should have easily accessible green space for peaceful enjoyment, exercise and for physical and mental wellbeing. The trees, bushes and plants on Kilvey Hill prevent floods. They also reduce pollution created by human activity in the Swansea area. Destroying such an enormous amount of trees and plants will increase flood risks and pollution to the area.

Kilvey Hill is a biodiverse environment and is home to many animals, birds and plants. Many animals and birds will be killed when the trees are felled, plants destroyed and the earth dug up and replaced with concrete, tarmac and buildings. The ones who survive will be displaced. The more their habitat is destroyed, the more they will be forced into peoples gardens and the streets. Some people view some wild animals and birds (e.g. foxes, mice, shrews, rats, crows, magpies, jays, jackdaws, pigeons, bats and squirrels) as pests when they enter the urban environment, and do not want them in their gardens. But if their habitat is destroyed, these animals and birds will be forced into people's gardens. Bats are also a protected species and will be killed and displaced due to the felling of hundreds of trees.

The pollution and carbon footprint of creating and sustaining this project is enormous. This will hinder, not help, the target of net zero.

The cost of this project is ridiculous and is a waste of money. According to a recent news article, Swansea Council is already in substantial debt of over £694 million pounds. Millions more pounds should not be spent on destroying the environment/green spaces.

This project is not essential and will decrease the quality of life of all Swansea residents, particularly those living close by due to the loss of green space as well as increased pollution, traffic, noise and flood risks.

The Skyline will not be able to safely operate during wet and windy weather. Swansea is a very wet and windy city, particularly in autumn, winter and spring. Kilvey Hill is very exposed to the wind and rain.

As the Skyline will not be able to operate in bad weather, any jobs created will likely be zero hour contracts. This will hinder, not help the local economy.

It is unlikely that tourists will come to Swansea just for the Skyline, particularly as it is so weather dependant. Any locals who use it will likely only use it once or twice. With so many local businesses such as restaurants, cafes and pubs closing in the Swansea area, it is highly unlikely that any food/beverage establishment on Kilvey Hill will be successful.

This proposal should be rejected due to the unreversable destruction of the natural environment, the devastation it will cause to wildlife, the decreased quality of life for residents, the increased pollution and flood risks, the traffic problems, and the financial cost to a council already in hundreds of millions of pounds in debt.

R98a

Howard French

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Sent: 04 February 2024 17:54
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Comments

Dear Planning
I strongly oppose, object of the planning notice to dispose part of the Kilvey Hill and bridalways.
I have lived close by for many years and have with many other walkers enjoyed the peace and tranquillity found In this beautiful place.
I strongly object to SKYLINE entertainments taking this space or any other further disturbances.
The Kilvey Hill has many animals living happy in there habitats, they can't speak for themselves
Please go elsewhere and leave the peace and tranquility we have on the East side of Swansea.
I STRONGLY OBECT TO THIS notice.

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 18:00
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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R100a

Howard French

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Sent: 04 February 2024 18:15
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Comments	I am writing to OBJECT to the disposal of land at Kilvey Hill Swansea for use by Skyline project. 1.The land in question is a community resource used by locals for leisure and well being. It is used as a local quiet area by adults and children , by beekeepers, schools, dogwalkers and equestrians. The woods and heath land are home to a wide range of plants and animals. All these rich aspects of Kilvey Hill will be lost forever due to creation of new infrastructure, increased noise levels and footfall and introduction of 24 hour lighting into a dark area. 2. There has been little up front communication from Swansea City Council with the local community, the wider Swansea community, and environmental

agencies desperate to seek an understanding of what is going on at Kilvey Hill and why S.C.C., has been so reluctant to inform and consult with the local community.

3.I understand that S.C.C has local development plans and guidelines to protect green spaces, so why is it not protecting Kilvey Hill , and upholding its own belief in the importance of green spaces ?

4. The Welsh Government Future Generations Policy specifically guards against developments such as Skyline, that degrade land for future communities.

5. Public Investment in the Skyline project is coming at a long term cost to the community, a handful of seasonal jobs in return for what ? This cannot be best value for the local community or Swansea City Council.

R101a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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The public have not been given detail - only a notice in a limited number of places. Consultation should have occurred

Bonymaen has not been mentioned in the notice although some land is in Bonymaen. There do not appear to have been notices in Bonymaen.

The land in question is a community asset and impacts on local deprived areas should be considered (currently a free attraction in itself). It is enjoyed by all ages with an increasing number of children and young people walking and cycling informally or in organised groups. This is under threat when considering leasing to a private company.

The area is open access land and disposal is contrary to the Countryside and Rights of Way act of 2000. Handing to a private company loses guarantee of the established formal and informal rights of way. Restriction of access means loss of health and well being benefits

There are threats to biodiversity due to noise and disturbance of habitats / removal of vegetation.

There would be an ongoing carbon footprint to the Skyline operations

The financial success of Skyline is far from certain. Swansea Council could end up not getting money owed and also the legacy of unusable infrastructure on Kilvey Hill which would be subject to decay.

The status of quiet space and sit of interest for nature conservation (sinc) are likely to be lost

For the above reasons the disposal would be against the provisions of the Well Being Future Generations Act (Wales) .

R102a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 19:07
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Notice of disposal of open space

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Dear Sir,

Notice is hereby given of the Council of the City and County of Swansea intention to dispose of land forming part of Kilvey Hill, St Thomas, Swansea SA1 8ED by the grant of a lease of such land to Skyline Swansea Limited for a new leisure development.

I wish to oppose the above application for the disposal of the above land for the following reasons -

1. No proper assessment of the long term economic viability of this scheme has been made by Skyline, Swansea Council or Welsh Government. Any business plan which depends on an over £12 million subsidy is immediately suspect, especially in when even at this early stage, "Skyline" has made further demands for financial support. What evidence is there further demands over the years to come will not be made?

2. There are real financial risks assessment here, in an investment that will last decades, even beyond 2050, when the county and the rest of the country have agreed to reach Net Zero. What happens if the project is a financial failure of which there is a very real risk? The costs of failure would fall on the local authority and would prove a significant blot on the landscape of city, just where most people enter it! A much bigger liability than the abandoned ski slope nearby.

3. Climate Change and in particular the increase of fire risk in future decades. Temperatures are predicted increase around the world, including area like this not seen at present at a serious risk, although grass fires have already taken place!. This would increase the financial risk, increasing costs of the project, both in terms of protection of environment, "Skyline" customers and the general public using Kilvey Hill for the leisure pursuits they have enjoyed for decades.

4. Destruction of natural environment to the detriment of both nature and the enjoyment of it local people. In West Swansea, we have Clyne Gardens & woods together with Penllergare Valley Woods in the North as major open amenity areas. Why has the council decided to deprive this struggling, poorer community of the only large amenity area on the Eastside? This was done through public relations spin by "Skyline" aided and abetted by Swansea Council, without any proper public consultation by an arrogant council who just decided they knew best!

5."Skyline" Kilvey Hill is vanity project with no financial backbone. It is unsustainable, business-as-usual project, which should have been dropped when Swansea Council & Welsh Government declared a "climate emergency."

6. Job Creation - This sounded a pretty poor argument at the time. About 80 poorly paid seasonal jobs at a cost of over £12 million sounded very poor value. Now with notice of up 3,000 potential redundancies in nearby Port Talbot, it sounds more like a sick joke out of touch with reality.

7.As far as I am aware at the moment Swansea Council has no system of protecting the interests of local people when such transfers take place. When developers seek to change conditions after the transfer takes place, the Council tends to side with the developer, deliberately stifling any form of debate or due process. So in this case local people will have no right to a hearing if Skyline changes the rules.

8.The following Senedd Petition, was coordinated by Swansea FOE with the support of local campaign groups. 2,109 signatures were gained on the electronic petition ,plus 942 paper signatures collected by local groups in Swansea East, making a total 3,051. .On the electronic petition, the three Swansea constituencies produced a total of 1,048 signatures plus 942 from the paper petition, making a total support within Swansea of 1,990! Petition: Stop Welsh Government Wasting £4million on "Skyline" private development Kilvey Hill, Swansea.



Petition: Stop Welsh Government Wasting...

. Although this petition is about Welsh Government, I feel it is reasonable to assume anyone opposed to Welsh Government wasting money on "Skyline" Kilvey Hill would also oppose Swansea Council wasting money on the same scheme. It is also likely many if not all of them have other reasons for opposing the scheme as well. I feel therefore this presents a more accurate, objective position of the opposition to "Skyline" Kilvey Hill than anything produced by Swansea Council or the company! Furthermore the majority came from Swansea East, the area most likely to suffer from the development.

The Petitions Committee met last Monday and as they are legally required, suspended their involvement while the Planning Application is "live. However they decided to keep the Senedd Petition open, so they can renew their deliberations, once the Planning Application in Swansea has been concluded.

Best Wishes,

K103a

Howard French

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Comments I object to the disposal of green land on the fact that we do not have enough green space for the people of swansea to use this should not go ahead as the flora and fauna of this wonderfull hill will be lost forever

R 104a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 19:57
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Comments	Public Trust and Justification for Disposal: The Council must provide a clear justification for this disposal, particularly considering the land's designation under historical acts that protect public spaces. The absence of a detailed rationale in the public notice raises concerns about transparency and adherence to legal requirements. Impact on Public Access and Rights: Kilvey Hill is designated as Open Access Land under the CRoW Act, vital for local recreation and biodiversity. Any development could restrict public access and impact rights of way, requiring thorough environmental

and public rights assessments—details not sufficiently referenced in the disposal notice.

Environmental and Community Well-being:

The proposed development could adversely affect the area's ecological balance and quiet area status, undermining the community's health and well-being. The need for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment is paramount.

The upcoming two-year construction phase / The proposed extensive building works] is poised to [severely disrupt our community / dramatically alter the landscape of Kilvey Hill]. I am [deeply worried / gravely concerned] about [the noise and disruption / the environmental and social impact] in what is currently a [peaceful and quiet area / valued community space].

Destruction of Quiet Area:

[Turning Kilvey Hill, a designated quiet area, into a construction site / The transformation of this open access land into a commercial venue] [contradicts its current purpose / is a direct threat to its natural tranquillity].

Community Impact:

This development [poses a risk to / could potentially displace] cherished community activities and [diminish / reduce] green spaces essential for [local youth / community well-being], with alcohol becoming available on the hill.

Environmental Impact: The project [threatens Kilvey Hill's diverse ecosystems / could lead to significant habitat destruction], raising [serious ecological concerns / questions about our commitment to biodiversity / worries about habitat connectivity of the site].

Use of Public Money:

Allocating £12.4 million of public funding [raises questions about fiscal responsibility / could be better used for community projects / the project's alignment with community priorities].

Traffic and Accessibility:

[The anticipated increase in traffic / The project's insufficient infrastructure planning] could [cause significant disruption / create accessibility challenges] for local residents.

Economic Concerns:

The [job opportunities promised by the project / nature of employment the project will provide] appear to be [seasonal and unstable / insufficient for long-term community benefit].

☑ Long-Term Economic Impact and Community Character: The Skyline Project may [shift the economic balance in the area / change the character of the neighborhood]. Large-scale developments could [lead to increased commercialization / alter the social and economic fabric of the community]. This can [impact the overall economic landscape / affect the local businesses and community lifestyle], potentially in ways that are not aligned with the needs and values of existing residents.

R 105a

Howard French

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Comments

I would like to formerly oppose the development of Kilvey Hill. I lived in St Thomas between 2019 and 2021 and very much benefited from having free access to nature by visiting Kilvey Hill.
The building of 'attractions' is a terrible, money-grabbing scheme and will be of no benefit to local residents, only a nuisance.
It will greatly disturb (light and noise pollution) both local residents and all the wildlife that calls Kilvey Hill home.

I am disgusted by how the council feels it has the right to encroach on natural space. We already have far too much concrete and far too little access to nature. What is the point of all the 'green' and environmental schemes and funding if the council is also happy to go and destroy nature elsewhere?!

It is imperative that we, as a society, learn to value what nature gives us FOR FREE! Besides, there is a cost of living crisis and the last thing we need is another entertainment option requiring us to spend money. As a society, we need to learn how to enjoy being in nature and not needing amusements for fulfillment, but to find fulfillment through spending time in nature (walking, sitting quietly, picnics etc).

This is an opportunity for Swansea council to lead the way and show they truly care about nature and the climate crisis!

Please review the following points as to why the development should NOT go ahead:

The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is not surplus.

- The proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council. The access land is therefore not surplus and it is unlawful for the council to dispose of it.
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- The disposal of open access land for development is contrary to the current Swansea Local Development Plan which designates this area as urban green wedge not to be developed on.
- No public engagement has taken place to explain what this notice means and gather public views.

Thank you.

R106a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 20:44
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the amount of land being given to this development, attracting only seasonal tourists, whereas the local population are going to be deprived of a valuable natural resource on their doorsteps. I think the project will become a sad white elephant :(

R107a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 21:13
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I totally disagree with éther removal of free open space and spending money on such a development. Swansea council needs to be spending money on social services, schools and Care.

K108a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 21:18
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	This is outrageous these plans are taking up most of kilvey hill its a joke my self and generations of mine and other families have grown up around this mountain its got no benefits for any one in the area at all its going to be a disaster for any one living close to it your if you want to waste money try fixing the pot holes in the roads this will be a waste of money and will be taking to much room there will be no room for horse riding and walking paths it wont be a home for the wild life that lives up there to i dont want to see this go head reject massively against this joke

R 109a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 21:21
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to Skyline and CCS proposals for Kilvey Hill. I object to the removal of open access for the hill. The hill has always been a pleasant place to roam on, with picturesque pathways and sculptures and so on. To remove this access from the people of Swansea and plan to replace it with what can only be described as a commercial white elephant, paid for in part by my council taxes is disgusting. They council has no right to use my council taxes AND stop my rights to wander on Kilvey. This must stop now

R 110a

Howard French

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Comments

I wish to object to the Disposal of land at Kilvey Hill.
The land is well used by walkers, cyclists, people with horses, and many local residents of Swansea and has been for many years since it recovered from being a blackened heath during the 1970's.
It is used for both educational and recreational purposes by adults and children alike. There are friends groups (Friends of Kilvey Hill) and volunteers who have set up bushcraft sessions to teach children crafts, there are volunteer days, some of which have helped to build a roundhouse there, which is being used for community events. It is a valuable green space on the Eastside of Swansea. Many families in this area don't have a lot of money, but they can still use this space to get out and enjoy nature.
Open access to this green space in it's entirety, which has been in no small part due to the care and hard work of local volunteers should not

R111a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 21:56
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the disposal of the Kilvey Hill access land for the Skyline or any other development

be lost. Open access to Kilvey as well as supporting the preservation of the diverse ecology at Kilvey is a far better way to support the future generations act than disposing of land at Kilvey. If part of it is sold, there will be no control over how that land is managed. Local residents should have continued quiet enjoyment of this area close to their homes.This is not guaranteed if part of Kilvey is disposed of by Lease. Disposing of any land at Kilvey will mean those living local and next to Kilvey will have no say in what that land is used for. They will lose their quiet enjoyment of their homes. Conditions may be imposed by the Lessee which will strip open access away. The Lessee will be able to treat the land as they wish, ruining all the years of hard work which have made Kilvey the beautiful natural area it is. It's a valuable green space, which benefits both the physical and mental health of local residents and that of many residents of Swansea.

If land at Kilvey is disposed of for commercial use, it will forever change the landscape and environment there. There will be no guarantee that the land disposed of, will be managed in an environmentally sympathetic manner not that the current open access will be maintained..

For the above reasons, I object to the disposal of land at Kilvey Hill.

R112a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 21:57
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I object to the disposal of the Kilvey Hill access land for the Skyline or any other development

R113a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 22:16
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments Kilvey Hill is a priceless urban ecosystem which has regenerated since the Industrial Revolution, and is finally thriving with rare and threatened animals and plants. It's importance cannot be understated. With catastrophic climate change already underway, we cannot afford to lose these areas. Swansea Council committed to a Climate Emergency. This is where you show your commitment. I guarantee that the development will not be successful in the long run, and you will eventually develop it for housing. I'm hoping this is not your long term plan. I trust you will do the sensible thing, and reject this application.

R 114a

Howard French

From: Message Labs Mail Filtering
Sent: 13 February 2024 11:59
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: FW: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk <webmaster@swansea.gov.uk>
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:32 PM
To: Kilvey Hill POSN <KilveyHill.POSN@swansea.gov.uk>
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE Milling

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	You have no idea what the fuck you were doing. You're wasted our taxpayers money on crap like this you should be protecting green space, but you don't we do not want this up the hill so many animals are gonna die because of you you are ruining our City. Why should we give up our use of the hill for you cronies and your mates?

R 115 a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 23:12
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Please no! I use kilvey every week for walks! Stealing access from Swansea east some of the most socially deprived area of Swansea!

R11b a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 04 February 2024 23:38
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Formal objection to the proposed disposal of Open Space at Kilvey Hill, Ref No. 00274779/SAE

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Dear sir

I am writing to formally object to the proposed disposal of land forming part of Kilvey Hill as indicated in your notice dated 15/01/2024. For a number of reasons as outlined below

1. Inadequate Public Consultation.
The notice does not appear to comply with the principles of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales)Act 2015 which emphasises Public engagement in decisions impacting the community & environment.
The consultation process outlined fails to provide an inclusive comprehensive platform for public discourse and input.
2.Contravention of Access Rights under CROW Act.
The CROW Act 2000 grants the public rights to open air recreation in designated areas.
Any development that restricts these rights neccessitates a detailed consultation process addressing potential impacts and alternatives.
3.Non-compliance with Local Development Plans.
The proposed development must align with the objectives outlined in the LDP,particularly concerning environmental protection & public access
The notice fails to demonstrate this alignment or address how the proposed development adheres to these plans.
4.Concerns over Changes to Quiet Area Designation.
Kilvey Hill,as a nationally designated Quiet Area plays a pivotal role in preserving tranquility &natural ambience. The proposed development risks altering this status without adequate public discussion or environmental consideration, contrary to the principles of environmental stewardship & community well-being.
5. Transparency and Accessibility of Information
The notice does not provide sufficient detail about the proposed development or its implications, nor does it reference where such information can be easily accessed by the public.
This lack of transparency undermines the community's ability to understand &effectively respond to the proposal.
6. Legal&Procedural Concerns
The process for modifying the status of Open Access Land or a Quiet Area involves legal procedures and reviews by environmental and planning authorities.
The notice does not address these procedures nor provide evidence of compliance with relevant legal frameworks.

In light of these concerns I request the Council reconsider the proposed disposal in favour of preserving Kilvey Hill's Open Space and Quiet Area designation.
The decision should reflect a commitment to sustainable development, environmental protection and community wellbeing.
I don't feel the council have served the community fairly or adequately or dare I say even legally.

I hope as a collective and active group that we have gained your attention in these matters and Thank you in advance for your help in rectifying this quite concerning and alarming situation.

Kind regards

R117a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	04 February 2024 23:41
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I wish to object to the development on Kilvey Hill. This should remain a green space for the city. We need to conserve habitats of flora and fauna and not turn it into a theme park.

R 118a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 04 February 2024 23:49
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments I object to the proposed disposal of Kilvey Hill, on the grounds of the loss of green space for local flora and fauna.

R 119a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 00:12
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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R 1196

• The proposed disposal of this land to a private company for development will end this right. This area of KilveyHill is much loved and used by Swansea residents as a place for recreation and health benefits. Unregistered rights of way exist on the land.

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• No public engagement has taken place to explain what this notice means and gather public views

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Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 00:21
To: Kilvey Hill POSN

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Objection to the removal of public access to parts of Kilvey Hill. This is an important green space to many people who enjoy walking for exercise and relaxation. I'm angry and concerned that the council would consider it for a business venture

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

R 121a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 00:33
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Leave the hill the way it is, there is so much nature there . I dont want to see a sky line there

R122a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 00:42
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	Please object !

R 123a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 00:44
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Comments	Please object!!

R 124a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 03:30
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference,number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972
Attachments: Subject_ Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.pdf

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Dear Head of Property Services,

Please find attached my formal objection to the proposed disposal of land on Kilvey Hill, reference number DVP-00274779/SAE, as outlined under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972. This document comprehensively addresses my concerns regarding the legal, procedural, environmental, and community impacts of the proposed disposal.Please find attached my formal objection to the proposed disposal and this link also to my objection

Subject_ Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.pdf Here:
https://

I respectfully request acknowledgment of receipt of this objection. Your consideration and a detailed response to the points raised within the document would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972

Dear Head of Property Services,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed disposal of land forming part of Kilvey Hill as indicated in the notice under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972. My objection incorporates concerns emphasising the substantial legal, procedural, environmental, and community impacts of this proposal.

Firstly, a Correction of Spelling Error in the Notice: The notice erroneously refers to "land know as Kilvey Hill." This should be corrected to "land known as Kilvey Hill" for accuracy.

Legal Requirements for Disposal:

Any disposal must be in accordance with Swansea Council's policy, which we understand to be the Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules) 2021. The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is unlikely to be surplus.

Compliance with Sections 123(2A) and 123(2B) of the Local Government Act 1972 is crucial. The proposal's temporary nature, given the 125-year lease term, contradicts the permanent disposition implied in the notice and requires clarification.

Public Value and Unrecorded Public Highways:

The land proposed for disposal holds immense public value, criss-crossed by unrecorded public highways vital for horse riders, cyclists, and carriage drivers. The failure to recognise these routes in the council's definitive map underscores the necessity of preserving this land for public use; please note The council has no up-to-date definitive map since it was not required to produce one until 1983.

Justification for Disposal and Land Requirement Evaluation:

A detailed justification for the proposed disposal, aligning with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, is missing. This act mandates considering the long-term impact of decisions on environmental sustainability and community well-being.
Consideration of Best Value and Long-Term Lease Implications:

The proposal must address how it achieves best consideration, especially since the lease extends beyond 100 years, a detail not disclosed in the notice.

Lack of National Interest or Importance

The project, by its nature, does not align with developments typically classified as of national interest or importance, which are expected to offer significant cultural, economic, or infrastructural benefits to the country. The introduction of additional zip wire and luge cart rides does not fulfil a unique need, nor does it enhance the United Kingdom's or Europe's offerings in a meaningful way. In contrast, national interest projects should embody innovation, serve a significant public interest, or contribute to the national infrastructure in a manner currently underserved.

Lack of Uniqueness

The proposed attractions are not unique to our region or to the broader European context, where such facilities already exist in abundance. This redundancy questions the project's potential to attract a significant increase in tourism or provide a novel recreational resource that would justify its development on public land, especially on a site as ecologically and socially valuable as Kilvey Hill.

Negligible Exercise Benefits

Furthermore, the project's reliance on gravity-fueled attractions undermines the growing need for recreational spaces that encourage physical activity and health benefits. In an era where public health initiatives increasingly emphasise the importance of accessible outdoor spaces for exercise, the proposed development falls short of contributing positively to the community's physical well-being.

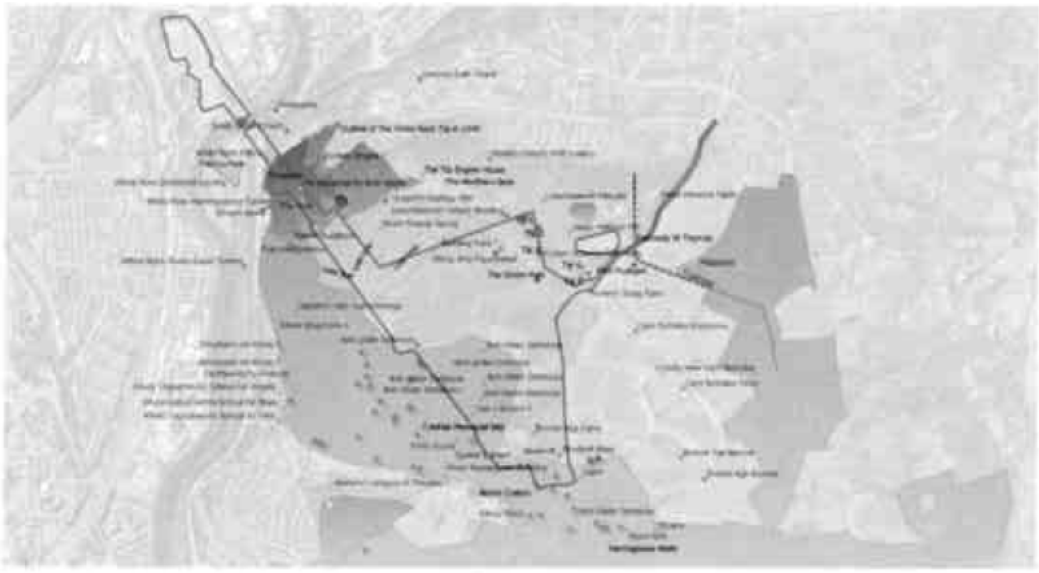
Open access spaces:

The development will result in a considerable reduction of accessible land for the public," contradicting claims of undiminished access. The intended use of approximately 37% of the hill for the project's facilities and assertions that access to Kilvey Hill will not be reduced by the Skyline development "needs scrutiny," especially regarding the impact on public access and green space. Skyline's intention to erect prohibitory signs saying unwilling access to the luge is prohibited around the development areas potentially contradicting the land's open access nature.

Open Access Land under the CRoW Act:

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW Act) designates specific areas as open access land, granting the public legal rights to roam freely on foot for recreation. This designation carries significant implications for public access and rights of way, which necessitates careful consideration in any land disposal processes undertaken by public bodies. Before proceeding with the disposal of any land that falls under the CRoW Act designation, it is essential for the disposing body to conduct a thorough assessment to ensure that the disposal does not infringe upon the public's established access rights. This includes evaluating how the disposal might affect the extent and quality of accessible open space available to the public and

ensuring that any changes do not lead to a reduction in the public's ability to exercise their rights under the CRoW Act.



The blue area is open-access land.
The red line is the proposed skyline project.

Quiet Area Status:

The disposal notice for Kilvey Hill significantly omits consideration of its designated status as a quiet area, a classification that underscores its value for providing a tranquil environment free from excessive noise pollution. Under environmental legislation and planning guidelines, any proposed land changes that could potentially impact this status warrant a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) not being referenced or link the relevant EIAs and details of public consultation in the disposal notice, as well as on the council's online notice site a significant oversight. For the disposal process to be compliant with environmental and planning regulations, the legislation mandates public consultation as a critical component of the environmental assessment process. This ensures that stakeholders, including local communities and interest groups, have the opportunity to provide input on projects that may affect their environment and quality of life with noise levels exceeding well over 75dbs 7 days a week.

Moreover, the disposal process must consider the potential need for alternative provisions to maintain or enhance public access elsewhere, should the disposal impact current access rights negatively. Public bodies must also engage in transparent consultation processes with relevant stakeholders, including local communities and access groups, to address any concerns and mitigate potential impacts on public access and enjoyment of the designated areas; this also stands for open-access land. This approach ensures compliance with the CRoW Act's provisions and upholds the principles of public access and rights of way. Kilvey should be considered an essential council function to protect noise levels and access to green spaces, there for the well-being of Swansea residents. The skyline proposal is far from an essential

council function and will diminish its community value and maintain the balance between land management objectives and the public's right to enjoy open spaces for recreation.

Environmental Impact:

Kilvey Hill, recognised as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and a Nationally Designated Quiet Area, stands at the brink of irreversible environmental impact due to the Skyline project. The development threatens not only the hill's biodiversity but also its tranquillity, which is invaluable to the community's well-being the area's rare heathland with natural carbon absorption abilities and the possible loss of Statsus as Wales's largest urban forest standing that Kilvey Hill currently holds.

Consideration of Best Value and Long-Term Lease Implications:

Addressing the best consideration achievable, especially for a lease extending beyond 100 years, is paramount. This detail, not disclosed in the notice, raises questions about the proposal's compliance with the Local Government Act 1972's requirements for obtaining the best possible outcome for the community and the legal stipulations for public land disposal. The council must transparently disclose and justify the lease terms, ensuring they represent the best value and align with community interests and environmental stewardship. Addressing the best consideration achievable, especially for a lease of 125 years

Economic Sustainability of Development with Local Development Plans:

The proposal must align with sustainable development principles and Swansea's LDP, respecting the area's ecological value and community well-being.

Let's highlight the framework of the Future Generations Commissioner's five missions and a few failures I can see. Reducing Wales' Carbon Footprint: Enhancing Biodiversity and Improving Access to Nature Adding the noise concrete and traffic of an adventure park in a Designated Quiet Area.



Transparency and Ownership Issues:

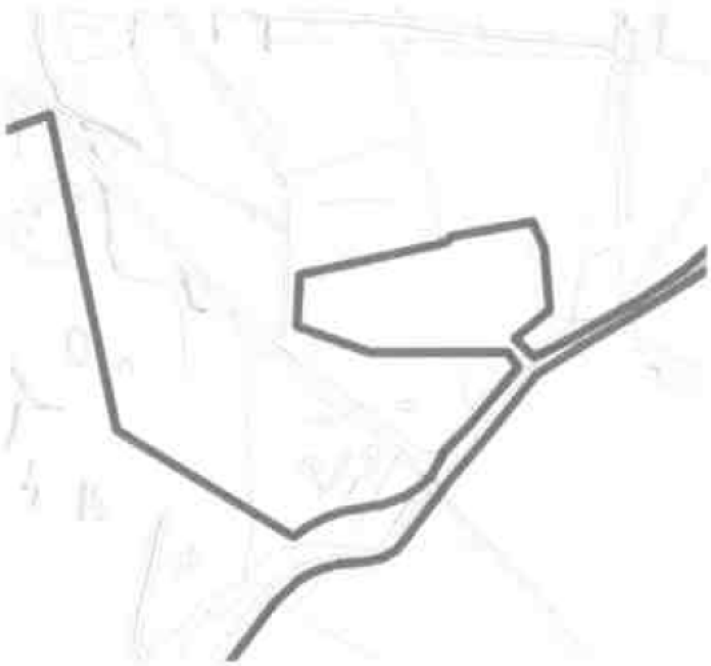
Ensuring complete disclosure of ownership details, including for unregistered sections and those under legal dispute, is critical for the lawful disposal of land by public bodies. This requirement supports adherence to legal frameworks such as the Local Government Act 1972, particularly Section 123, which governs the disposal of public land by local authorities, ensuring that all disposals are carried out lawfully and in accordance with the principles of transparency and accountability. Additionally, the Land Registration Act 2002 emphasises the importance of a clear and public record of land ownership, which underpins the necessity for transparent disclosure of ownership in disposal proceedings. These legal requirements ensure that disposals are conducted fairly, mitigate future disputes, and uphold public trust in the management of public assets.

Impact on Local ResidentsLoss of cultural heritage and community sites;

The disposal would severely impact local residents, denying them crucial outdoor recreational opportunities. Enhanced public engagement and consideration of community feedback are imperative.

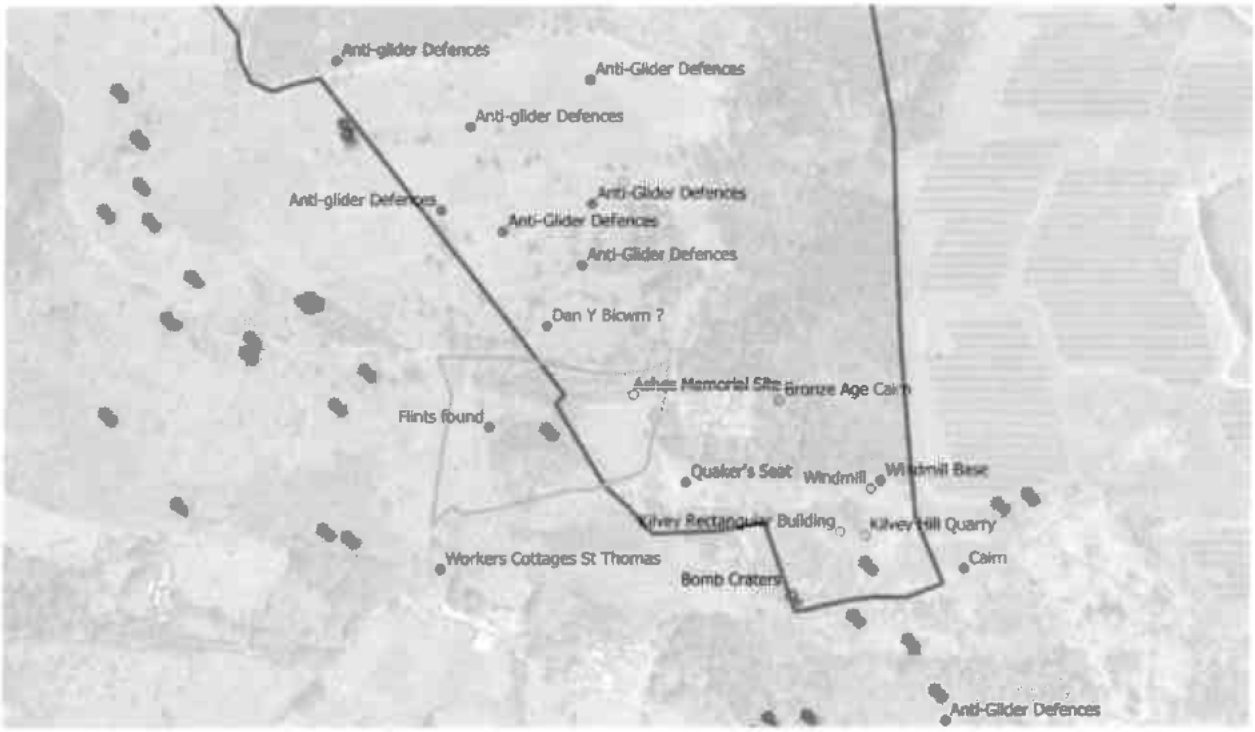
The project involves "two miles of concrete go-kart track, illuminated until 11 p.m. with sound systems, 24-hour lighting and a licenced bar on the summit bring alcohol sales Fast Food vans to a CV2 area this is not good for the publics well being.

Please note this field, known as the old football pitch, will be gone in the disposal notice agreed to but was stated publicly as temporary, and with local open access spaces and recreational with significant green space locally been Ear Marked for much-needed housing, making this loss even more worrying been considered as surplus to requirement witch seem unjustifiable.



Please note the community ashes memorial and other important sites in the development area that will be lost to development buildings.

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For a full and complete breakdown, please read my objections to the Skyline Swansea Ltd planning application for Impacts on community health and well-being. Over 60 community groups, volunteer groups, and the public regularly use the hill.

Please reference the Planning Objection Documents for more details on the skyline planning development and detailed effects on the community and space.

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Economic Sustainability of leisure development after disposal is questionable:

The Skyline Swansea project's claim of creating 100 permanent jobs(1) is challenged by the reality that these are likely to be job hours, not FTEs, and are dependent on achieving a projected visitor count of 450,000 per year. This figure is a massive decrease from an initial over-estimate of 750,000 visitors, which did not meet the company's own benefit-cost ratio (BCR) targets to finance the creation of these jobs, with an individual cost of £125,000 per long-term full-time job hours, Skyline Swansea is now dependent on £12.4 million of public funds and loans. Additional financial backing is presumed to be procured through loans guaranteed by a 125-year lease agreement, which includes public land, with the only security being the limited guarantee of SKYLINE SWANSEA LIMITED (Company No. 14320214)(2), directed by Geoffrey McDonald(3) and Nigel Vernon Short(4), who also have ties to adjacent businesses 1(5) 2(6) and the Swansea City Deal(7).

This financial approach raises concerns about safeguarding public money and land, especially when considering the opaque nature of the project's financial details and the Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board's(8) reliance on non-public KADA reports(9). These concerns are magnified by recent Welsh tourism data, confirming a decline in business across various sectors, inconsistent with the optimistic projections of the Skyline project.

Welsh Government's "Tourism Barometer: Summer Wave 2023(10)" indicates a tourism downturn, with only 46% of attractions reporting an uptick in visitors – a figure that conflicts with Skyline's projections. Moreover, top attractions like Zip World Forest(11), with 223.500 visitors in 2019, and Cardiff Castle, despite its advantageous location in the capital near an international airport, currently do not achieve such high visitor numbers Cardiff Castle(12) 2021

(372,606). Coupled with Swansea's current hotel capacity constraints, this paints a bleak picture of the project's hoped-for influx of visitors and already having project creep of 5 million before the planning application process has even been completed.

Please also see this email
on On 07_09_2023 11_45 Re_ Subject_ Concerns and Queries Reg... sent to Mike Hedges and Senned members containing evidence that The Skyline project's financial viability is in question due to concerns about escalating costs(13), significant gambling involvement and bypassing government rules(14), problems paying back subsidies(15) and doubts about meeting visitor projections, raising doubts about its longer-term financial sustainability.

Further, a cause for concern was raised by an article about a recent environmental and community disaster with a Skyline Queenstown development that should raise alarms about care and due diligence within the company. See image Figure 4: Landslide at Queenstown site and full (article(16))

Some of the discounted tickets come with blackout periods on rides in the park during busy periods and closer. One example of terms and conditions(17) for mountain bikes

The economic viability of the Skyline project is uncertain, demanding a reassessment of its sustainability and a commitment to transparent public investment, especially in the context of recent tourism statistics.

Yet the claims based on the above figures saying they generate £84m for the city economy over 15 years is questionable for the loss to the community, and as mentioned above, the reality of these numbers is based on 750,000 visitors within a year of opening Scrutiny is needed and a clear justification and proof of the development you plan to dispose of the open access space and degradation of its Desanations can take place.

Research of the value of Kilvey Hill:

In 2018, the welfare value(18) for Kilvey was £599,497 on the basis of 147,810 visits It shows that the Council risks losing a considerable well-being asset.

The well-being of future generations is a cornerstone of Welsh policy, mandating the preservation of green spaces and the promotion of nature-based well-being practices. Major research over 10 years with 2.3 million adults in Wales (Geary et al., 2023)(19) documents the mental health benefits associated with proximity to green spaces, with these effects amplified in socio-economically deprived areas. The Swansea region, particularly the less-affluent East, shows a correlation between green space availability and health outcomes (Dobbs, 2023)
Final 2023 Kilvey Hill Survey Reports .

Kilvey Hill, as a natural sanctuary, plays a vital role in community health and well-being, offering a place for social interaction and nature-connected activities. Welsh government-funded

research (Simons. 2023) (20) supports this, revealing the positive impact of time spent on Kilvey Hill in reducing stress and enhancing mental well-being. This space is integral not only for therapeutic and educational purposes but also as a green refuge that sustains the community's social fabric.

Community Involvement and engagement to be considered:

Over 60 community groups, mainly volunteer groups and residents, regularly use the hill where the proposed land disposal for the Skyline Swansea project; it's imperative to highlight the extensive community consultation and volunteer involvement that has taken place, reflecting a stark contrast to the council's engagement efforts. A rigorous survey of 245 residents...revealed deep-seated concerns about potential environmental degradation, increased noise, traffic, and loss of green space. Conducted by Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers
🗀 Final 2023 Kilvey Hill Survey Reports reveal a significant level of concern among residents regarding environmental degradation, increased noise, and the loss of green space. This widespread community opposition, underscored by a petition with over 3,000 signatures, demands serious consideration and needs addressing in the council's land disposal plan to address these deep-seated community concerns in the disposal decision process and may be better suited to a Community Asset Transfer that supports the true value of the hill to the Public interest.

Request for Reassessment and Enhanced Engagement:

A comprehensive reassessment with increased public engagement is urged, focusing on environmental preservation, community interests, and adherence to legal and policy frameworks.

I submit, therefore, that the land is **not surplus to requirements** and **that it would be unlawful for the council to dispose of it.**

In conclusion, integrating specific concerns legal, procedural, and environmental considerations underlines the proposal's significant impacts. I request a detailed response to these objections and propose a meeting or public hearing to discuss potential solutions that respect community and environmental needs.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Sincerely.

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Please reference the Planning Objection Documents below for more details on the skyline planning development.

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Comments

I object to the disposal of this land to Skyline on the following grounds.

I grew up in st Thomas and enjoyed many adventures exploring Kilvey Hill. Kilvey Hill has always been a special landmark in Swansea and is loved by many. When I wa: wrote a poem about Kilvey Hill from the Hill's perspective of what it had witnessed over the years - the blitz etc. Now to think of the hill itself being ruined, the eco system being destroyed and the use for the local people and those from afar being taken away and replaced by a monstrosity of a structure along with the increase in traffic due to visitors - it is heartbreaking.
We have to protect the hill which has stood proudly over Swansea forever. There are many local groups that use this hill and the benefits to the communities and visitors are irreplaceable. I now live in llansamlet and

my 8 year old has loved exploring the hill with me and experiencing the joy of being outdoors and the magic that Kilvey Hill has to offer. It is heartbreaking to think that we will no longer have a right to explore this beautiful space and have our adventures. It is also heartbreaking to think of the death and disruption to the wildlife and trees on the hill. Whenever there is a fire on the hill, we'd look on with sadness and hope it wouldn't spread too far. Now something worse than a fire is about to happen to the hill. Something that will destroy the hill and it's habitats forever. Something that the hill can't recover from. All of this while isolating and preventing the people who love the hill from using it. Taking away our freedom to be in our outdoor space.
This is not right and I strongly object to this Skyline project.
With the rise of poor mental health ruining lives and many people struggling with the cost of living crisis, the council should be promoting ideas to boost mental health and what better than a heart pumping hike up the hill followed by the reward of a sunset to get the endorphins flowing?

My 8 year old son also opposes and is asking you to "please not take away our nature and our hill."

I really hope the council can stop the Skyline Project. Kilvey Hill isn't big enough. We need to hill to stay as it is, to continue thriving, growing and protecting the wildlife and being a place for our wellbeing and adventures.

- The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is not surplus.
- The proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council. The access land is therefore not surplus and it is unlawful for the council to dispose of it.
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land is designated to give the public a right to free access all areas of the land.
- The proposed disposal of this land to a private company for development will end this right. This area of KilveyHill is much loved and used by Swansea residents as a place for recreation and health benefits. Unregistered rights of way exist on the land.
- It is a designated quiet area. The peace and tranquillity of this natural area of countryside for residents will be lost by the disposal of this land to Skyline. The aim of the proposed development is aninflux of 450,000 tourists and the noise of people using thrill seeking activities.
- The proposed lease to Skyline of over 100 years is too long. In law the lease should be short.
- If the Skyline business does not succeed, public land will be lost forever. This is too much of a gamble with a valuable public resource.
- This low carbon emissions, wild area of countryside, will be transformed by the proposed large infrastructure with vehicular access road in daily use. Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality from vehicles, building materials and energy to heat and light the various structures will vastly increase carbon emissions in breach of Swansea council's net zero policy.
- The area will no longer have free open access for future generations as has been enjoyed for many current and past generations. It will become an area where people have to pay to use activities. This will deter use by families who cannot afford the charges. The communities living around the open access land are some of the most social and economically deprived in Wales. This will take away a valuable resource for health and well-being, contrary to the Future Generations (Wales) Act. Freely available Green spaces should be preserved for future generations.
- The disposal of open access land for development is contrary to the current Swansea Local Development Plan which designates this area as urban green wedge not to be developed on.
- No public engagement has taken place to explain what this notice means and gather public views.

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Comments	I object to the proposed skyline development. We as a community will lose access to roam free. It will cause damage to the bio diversity of the area and cause more pollution.

R127a

Howard French

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Comments	I am writing from North Island , New Zealand. This is a place that has plenty of space and not too many people. Swansea is completely different. Green space is important and scarce. Trees are too few. Many people remember Kilvey Hill as the spoil heaps for the huge amount on industry that was in the valley below. I object to the disposal of this land because I do not think that Swansea Council should be allowed to dispose of this public land in a way that goes against the Councils own declarations of climate and nature emergencies.m This grandiose project is being run by a company based in another hemisphere with no connections to Wales.

R128a

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The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) was set up in 1944 as a representative body for Climbers and Hill Walkers and currently has around 85000 members, and would like to voice our objections to the proposed disposal of open space on Kilvey hill, this is completely inappropriate to remove open space so close to a major city, where the Welsh Government have in recent years put so much emphasis on the availability of nature to improve the wellbeing of local populations.

The CRoW act 2000 should protect people's freedom to enjoy these areas without risk to access and the developer make no acknowledgement of the land being open access. The UK has some of the most depleted natural environments in Europe, by creating a connectivity with nature allows people a greater understanding and appreciation of their natural environment and will help protect us against a worsening wildlife crisis,

by interfering with this we are sacrificing yet another area to development.

Natural Resources Wales recently produced their Forest Resource Plan for Kilvey hill and identified the area as priority heathland for the improvement of local biodiversity and conservation, the area was also identified as suitable for native woodland regeneration which would also bring improved biodiversity and connectivity across different areas of the hill side. It is not possible that this plan drafted by Welsh Government can work in conjunction with such a development plan as is proposed.

Further the Welsh Wellbeing and future generation act (2015) has been set for sustainable economic development that takes into account the wellbeing effects of the local areas. Any development plans should take this into account and balance the environmental impact.

The British Mountaineering Council urge Swansea Council to remove this proposal.

R 129a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 08:09
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	Complete waste of public funding Killay should remain untouched as one of the few true green spaces on Swansea. It should be turned into a nature reserve and not ripped apart for a vanity project which will lose its shine in under ten years and forgotten about like so many others.

R130a

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Comments	I believe that is is a short sighted move that will deprive members of the east side of Swansea of much needed natural space. I do not believe that the financial gain outweighs the impact to biodiversity or the community.

R131a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	Much of the land proposed for disposal is mapped as access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, so that people have a right to wander freely here on foot. The threatened land is close to people's homes, providing recreational opportunities on their doorstep. Open spaces and paths are vital for people's health and well-being, more now than ever—as the pandemic highlighted. Also the fact that the CRoW act, NRW identified the land as priority healthland, and Welsh Governments Future Generations Act are all being ignored. Shows the that this is being pushed through when the resources and money could be better allocated across the city.

R 132a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 08:48
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Kilvey Hill is currently already in popular use by walkers; this is an important free, and green space in one of the poorer areas of the city. A zipline and luge will be an expensive waste of money; it will be of no better use to the local people and detrimental to the environment. The infrastructure and luge will be an eyesore on the hill. The idea of a "mountain bike trail" for paying guests only is a disgrace and unfair to the local community. The weather in the area is bad. It regularly rains, and there is frequent mist and low cloud which obscures views on the hill. It is unlikely the planners have considered how few the good weather days are which would make their idea a popular one.

Example: The Grape & Olive restaurant in Swansea, with its views over the Bay being the primary attraction, could not manage to remain open.

Most importantly, the environmental impact has not been considered enough. The nature in the area is still recovering from the devastating impact of the Copper industry. I believe only its present environmental status has been taken into consideration for the project's "environmental impact", when it's history and aims for its recovery should have been as well.

While the Skyline plans appear to accommodate for some areas of natural restoration, the soil and land simply may not be ready for the types of plants they want to try and introduce. Who will be responsible for trying to keep the new plants in the area alive, or planting anew when they don't take? Who will take care of the land when the project inevitably fails?

There is nature on the hill that would certainly be disturbed and forced out. Animal life on the hill would be decimated. With the proximity to Crymlyn bog, the area of Kilvey Hill may also be considered an extended habitat range of many animals that live there and negatively affect those too.

To quote someone significant who actually worked for the benefit of the area:

"At some point I had to stand up and be counted. Who speaks for the butterflies?" - Andrew Lees

R 133a

Howard French

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Skyline will ruin killvey hill and its natural beauty so sad to see

R134a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 09:02
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to land being disposed, many people use Kilvey Hill to walk and being restricted on what bit you can use is wrong.

R135a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 09:10
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments

This is such a shame.

I regularly walk this space with my dogs, even though I now live in Neath, and it provided (whilst living in Swansea) the local area I could walk during lockdown.

This provides a non beach space for local residents and students to walk this side of Swansea.

While a leisure site would be great, a novelty thing that will get used a handful of times is not the answer.

We will see this fall to decline in very short order and will likely be left with an eye sore where a current place of natural beauty lies.

R136a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 09:17
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Comments I object to the disposal of common land belonging to the people of swansea and free to use for leisure purposes.
Allowing a private enterprise to take control of the land for profit making is not a reasonable alternative use.

R137a

Howard French

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Comments

• The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is not surplus.
• The proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council. The access land is therefore not surplus and it is unlawful for the council to dispose of it.
• Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land is designated to give the public a right to free access all areas of the land.
• The proposed disposal of this land to a private company for development will end this right. This area of KilveyHill is much loved and used by Swansea residents as a place for recreation and health benefits. Unregistered rights of way exist on the land.
• It is a designated quiet area. The peace and tranquillity of this natural area of countryside for residents will be lost by the disposal of

this land to Skyline. The aim of the proposed development is aninflux of 450,000 tourists and the noise of people using thrill seeking activities.

- The proposed lease to Skyline of over 100 years is too long. In law the lease should be short.
- If the Skyline business does not succeed, public land will be lost forever. This is too much of a gamble with a valuable public resource.
- This low carbon emissions, wild area of countryside, will be transformed by the proposed large infrastructure with vehicular access road in daily use. Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality from vehicles, building materials and energy to heat and light the various structures will vastly increase carbon emissions in breach of Swansea council's net zero policy.
- The area will no longer have free open access for future generations as has been enjoyed for many current and past generations. It will become an area where people have to pay to use activities. This will deter use by families who cannot afford the charges. The communities living around the open access land are some of the most social and economically deprived in Wales. This will take away a valuable resource for health and well-being, contrary to the Future Generations (Wales) Act. Freely available Green spaces should be preserved for future generations.
- The disposal of open access land for development is contrary to the current Swansea Local Development Plan which designates this area as urban green wedge not to be developed on.
- No public engagement has taken place to explain what this notice means and gather public views.

R138a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 09:21
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Comments	I strongly object to the Disposal of KILVEY HILL access land. I object to the Council to strip Kilvey Hill of its legal protection for open access land, quiet area, along with green space protection being ignored. It's status as a quiet area and the need preserve green spaces under the well being for future generations (Wales Act 2015 is also being ignored. It will also have a huge impact on public access and current uses, the land isn't surplus to requirements, it's not justified or in alignment with local sustainability development planning. The disposal hasn't been scrutinised to give best value for our communities, I'm very uncomfortable with way this is being pushed through with out proper consultation there is huge opposition to these plans and it will be at this Swansea council 2024 if they ignore at their peril if we lose this green space and not adequately considered public opinion or

alternative communities- led proposals for the use of the land. Especially in this day and age I emphasise the potential adverse effects on the local environment and biodiversity this will have.

R139a

Howard French

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Comments I am a lecturer at [redacted] in the Additional Needs department. I often take my students to Kilvey Hill because it is an excellent place to promote health and wellbeing. This has led to students coming here with their families, outside of college hours. The nature of our students and often their families, means that they would not have the confidence or ability to write their own objections and it is not appropriate for me to do the objection with them. So I would like to tell you that this is a green space used by so many people that would not write their own objections, so please don't think that the objections you get are the only ones that need to be considered. It would be a huge shame to take away this wonderful green space for our young people, that suffer more mental health than I have ever seen in my 25 year career.

R140a

Howard French

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Comments	I object to this erosion of both my right to roam and public space in the Swansea area. I am appalled at this desolation of such a vital green space in Swansea. I struggle to see any logic in the proposal to cut down a vital part of Swansea's lungs and replace it with more traffic. Neither the residents of St Thomas or Swanseas future generations have been considered in this scheme. As an architect I question the procurement process, why does Swansea not hold international competitions for these schemes as seen in many more successful councils around the UK. Real regeneration comes through good procurement to ensure Swansea gets the best for the money and receives a design that works for years to come.

R 141a

Howard French

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Comments

Dear Sir/Madam
I am most concerned regarding recent reports that Swansea Council intend to dispose of existing open space on Kilvey Hill to allow a new development.
Any removal of precious open land in an urban area will have an adverse effect on the environment and the community.
Alternative existing urban sites should be considered.
Your faithfully

R142a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 09:42
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object

R143a

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I oppose this removal of open space. We need to preserve and enhance our access to open spaces and wild areas. This is a key wildlife corridor which should not be developed for any purpose.

R144a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 09:58
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Comments	Not only do I live in the area and also work in the area and we frequently go for walks up kilvey hill. If you agree to this then we'll loose places that my family and the children's charity I work for really love to visit. The hill also has wildlife living in it and is an amazing part of our nature. Don't destroy it.

R145a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments	This is a deplorable action to take place, with seemingly no foresight of the aftermath it will have. Increase in traffic (which is already awful in this area), wildlife and habitat loss, and the decrease in the very little outdoor community activities this area has to offer. Community is too important to lose.

R146a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:04
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Comments

I strongly object to the skyline planning

The hill has been part of Swansea for hundreds of years with little to no restriction for local people this will have massive restriction to all
Plus the added environmental impact
tonnes of concrete added to the hill will no doubt cause flooding to the homes below

R147a

Howard French

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Comments This area of land is critical open space for the use of all, it should not be transferred to a private organisation due to the loss of public amenity

R148a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:12
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	Such spaces are limited around the City Centre and should be preserved for residents to enjoy.

R149a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:13
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: KilveyHill Open Space Disposal

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Many Thanks

R 150a

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Sent: 05 February 2024 10:13
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Fw: Kilvey Hill Open space Disposal DVP-00274779/SAE

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R151a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:15
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	Looking at the plans, they removed a lot of access rights for the people of Swansea, damage the environment that has taken decades to regenerate, and bring only a rather tacky tourist attraction. Let's be real, we are not Oxford, Lincoln or Bristol. Not many people are going to go out of their way to marvel at Swansea's skyline. It will be a white elephant embarrassing the city for years to come. Tourist development should focus on the wonderful beach, Welsh culture, and outdoor sports opportunities.

R152a

Howard French

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:15
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Objection

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Dear Council Members
I am truly appalled by the proposals made by Skyline & the plans of Swansea City Council to pursue these plans.

Apart from habitat destruction & loss of biodiversity the plans contravene the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 & disregards The Climate Change (Wales) Regulations 2021: integrated impact assessment.

The Skyline proposal will cause at least 2 years of significant disturbance & increased traffic to St Thomas during construction & significantly increased traffic volume thereafter. Hundreds of thousands of tons of carbon emitting concrete will be poured over Kilvey Hill.

After two years there will be permanent neon lights on Kilvey Hill disturbing wildlife & the local people.

The plan is to create 100 jobs in the long term. This is so shortsighted. Improving habitat, access, providing picnic benches, cycle trails, cafes, woodland management schemes, creating Kilvey Hill rangers to protect the Hill & engage the local community would create as many if not more jobs.

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The whole project will also reduce chance of Net Zero Wales.

Surely there is another way forward.

Yours faithfully

Sent from Outlook for Android

IR 153a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:16
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments

I oppose to losing our space on kilvey hill, I use it to walk my dog and the kids love to go up there with my job.

It's a wonderful space and I would hate to lose access.

R 154a

Howard French

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:16
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space

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Sent from my iPad
Dear Sir/Madam,
I would like to object to the disposal of open space land on KilveyHill. Open space land is very precious to humans and wildlife. It belongs to all the residents of the city and county of Swansea and should not be disposed of.
Thank you,
Yours faithfully,

[redacted]

R155a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 10:18
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Many Thanks

R 157a

Howard French

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:24
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal

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To the Head of Property Services,

I am very disappointed to hear about the councils plans to remove public access to a large area of land on Kilvey Hill.

This Open Access Land is well used by the people of Swansea for open air recreation, I've used it myself for almost 20year for activities including dog walking, biking and engaging my young daughter with the natural world.

I am saddened to think that this will be lost to future generations in a bid to make the hill some kind of theme park for visitors. I'm sure this action would very much go against the ideals behind Welsh Governments Wellbeing and Future generations Act.

Please note my strong objections to the proposal for the record.

Many thanks

Virus-free.www.avg.com

R 158a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:26
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158b

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The whole project will also reduce chance of Net Zero Wales.

Surely there is another way forward.

Yours faithfully

R 159a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 10:27
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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R 160a

Howard French

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2024 10:31
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Objections to proposed land disposal,Kilvey Hill

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I hereby object to the proposed disposal of land for the following reasons:-

- Kilvey Hill is a natural resource which people are currently able to access for the most part and able to freely enjoy.....
- It is well documented that such areas(wooded/grassed) are considered beneficial for promoting well- being and improved general health. Indeed, a variety of activities, both solitary and communal ,are now being recommended by health professionals instead of ,or used concurrently with medication, for both physical and pyschological conditions...
- As far as I am aware, there have not been any public council led meetings to discuss the proposed Skyline project-only the publicity stunts/displays led by employees of the New Zealand based company.
- I attended one such event and was dismayed at the lack of awareness and or empathy shown towards maintaining public access to all areas, wildlife, historical and ecological aspects of our hill...
- Kilvey Hill has" Quiet Area" status, much appreciated by both visitors and local residents alike....
- The proposed land disposal will have a lasting detrimental effect on the area for decades to come..ecologically, environmentally, historically and economically should the Skyline project go ahead,
- According to the Local Government Act,1972,proposal for land disposal must be advertised twice (once weekly) in a newspaper.I might have missed this, but in which newspaper was this notice?
- Also the Council is proposing a one hundred and twenty five year lease but my understanding is that seven years was the maximum(if I've correctly interpreted the jargon)....?
- Finally, like many others, I feel it would be soul- destroying to see such a valuable asset such as our hill being used to benefit a New Zealand company ! We are continually being encouraged to preserve our open/green spaces to help assuage the effects of global climate change..this seems to be" at odds" with this Council proposal(despite promoting net zero pollution!)

R 161a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 10:33
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won't be reclaimed even if the Skyline business does not succeed. Kilvey Hill is a key area for wildlife being a green corridor near the city centre and is also a key area for the local people, as explained above. We should be preserving our open access areas and improving access into greenspaces and the countryside and maintaining this access for future generations.

Thanks for taking the time to read my comments.

Kind Regards

R162A

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments

The proposed development could adversely affect the area's ecological balance and quiet area status, undermining the community's health and well-being.

Kilvey hill is the only source of open space for disadvantaged communities around the area! Families have been going up to kilvey hill for generations, using it as not only a playground but as a way of getting exercise. it's the only place close to us where we can explore nature! It's the only place our children have to experience the woods, lakes and streams. This is going to be detrimental to our children's wellbeing. Kilvey Hill used to be a place where no trees grew at all. Over 60 years ago the entire hill was a toxic wasteland due to the copper works. It was volunteers from around these areas, OUR families who

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brought the hill back to life! Planting trees and rehabilitating the area. They did this to preserve the future of the hill, not to sell it off to some wealthy people for a zip line most of us probably can't afford! You're taking from the poor to give to the rich at this point! It doesn't benefit anyone else in the area

R163a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 10:57
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to this proposal because it is an environmental catastrophe of major negative consequences to wildlife, biodiversity and humans who live nearby and/or use the current site. Please don't always let financial aims override what is right for our Planet. The carbon emissions that will be emitted will contribute negatively to climate change; moreover, the objective of zero carbon emissions will never be achieved if developments of this kind go ahead.

R164a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:01
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Please don't take away this last bit of lovely green space we have in the (central) Swansea, it's a lovely space for walks and to connect with nature, great place to take family and friend when they are visiting and I'm worries the proposed development will ruin it.

R165a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:09
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAI

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Comments	To build, what will probably become in a few years, an eyesore and derelict, on what is an outstanding area for recreation, wildlife and flora ripe for development in that field, is nothing short of a very expensive folly.

R16ba

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 11:15
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	This is an absolutely appalling initiative. What a unique feature Swansea has having a wild space regenerating beautifully where people can access the well being benefits of kilvey. A skyline does not a vibrant city make. The focus should be on the town centre. Ludicrous and shameful

R167a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 11:22
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	The development of Kilvey Hill would have no benefits for the City of Swansea.It would destroy the green environment,which is so necessary in this area of Swansea.

R168a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:25
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I oppose the development of open spaces for private exploitation

R169a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:27
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAI

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Comments	As a former resident of Swansea and in view of plans to relocate there, I wish to submit my objection to this proposal. The city already has limited open green space for people to enjoy and enhance their well being and so further depletion of open access land such as Kilvey Hill will be detrimental to the Welsh Government's objectives under Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015. In addition , the impact on sensitive ecological and environmental landscape would be unacceptable and disproportionate to the value of development of the land.

R170a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:28
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	Kilvey Hill is an extremely popular walking site. I know people for whom walking through the woodland has been vital to their mental health. The proposed disposal of land appears to cut across the current footpaths, and if this restricts public use of the hill it will be great misuse of a communal asset

R171a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:32
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I am opposing this from happening. There is no requirement for this leisure development from a foreign company. Leave Kilvey hill as it is and the wildlife there please. The roads into Swansea can not deal with incoming traffic at present. Why are we destroying natural wildlife for a foreign company to make money from our city. You are not listening to the views of the residents

R172a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 11:38
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Building such large commercial premises on land which forms part of our community as residents of Swansea will be disastrous. The effects on wildlife will be disgraceful. This is a place where I, personally, my family and friends, my colleagues and my neighbours go to enjoy the peace and beauty of Swansea's nature. We say NO to this money-grabbing scheme! Protect our wildlife! Protect our community spaces!

R173a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 11:39
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Dea Sir or Madam, I would like to object to the Notice of disposal of open space ref. number DVP-00274779/SAE for the following reasons: 1. Public Trust and Justification for Disposal: The Council is obligated to furnish a thorough justification for the disposal of this open space, particularly in light of its classification under historical legislation aimed at preserving public areas. The absence of a detailed explanation in the public notice gives rise to concerns regarding transparency and adherence to legal mandates. 2. Impact on Public Access and Rights: Kilvey Hill holds the designation of Open Access Land under the CRoW Act, a crucial status supporting local recreation and biodiversity. Any

proposed development has the potential to limit public access and affect rights of way, necessitating comprehensive environmental and public rights assessments. These critical details are inadequately addressed in the disposal notice.

3. Environmental and Community Well-being:

proposed development has the potential to disrupt the ecological balance and the tranquility of the area, jeopardizing the health and well-being of the community. It is imperative to conduct a thorough Environmental Impact Assessment to fully understand the potential consequences.

4. Transparency and Public Engagement

Input from stakeholders and exploration of alternative solutions regarding the utilization of Kilvey Hill for disposal have been notably absent. It is imperative to involve community perspectives and assess alternative options to ensure a well-rounded decision-making process.

5. Long -Term Viability/Finances

Has there been a rigorous examination of the public investment and the enduring costs to communities in relation to the disposal, ensuring the best possible value for the community? Moreover, what rationale underlies the proposal for a 100-year lease? Clarity on these matters is crucial for transparency and community confidence in the decision-making process.

Please, I would appreciate if you could confirm you have received the objections.

Best,

R174a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:43
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Objection to Disposal reference number DVP-00274779/SAE

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to object to the Notice of disposal of open space ref. number DVP-00274779/SAE for the following reasons:
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2. Impact on Public Access and Rights:
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Please, I would appreciate if you could confirm you have received the objections through email and a letter.

Best,

R175a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 11:52
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Open green areas are constantly being reduced. This is as accessable location for a large number of people, enabling them to get outside. Significant amounts of research suggest that being in countryside improves mental health, and removing these opportunities to be outside is therefore determining a lack of care about the local population.

R176a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the Proposed Disposal of Open Space at Kilvey Hill, St Thomas, Swansea, SA1 8ED (Reference No. DVP-00274779/SAE) The Council must provide a clear justification for this disposal, particularly considering the land's designation under historical acts that protect public spaces. The absence of a detailed rationale in the public notice raises concerns about transparency and adherence to legal requirements. It will impact my Public Access and Rights. Legal Requirements for Disposal (Section 123(2A) and Section 123(2B)): While I acknowledge that Section 123(2A) permits the advertisement of intended land disposal, it is imperative that the Council demonstrates compliance with Section 123(2B) regarding the release of land from public trust. This includes providing a clear justification for the disposal,

especially if the land is held for the purposes outlined in the Public Health Act 1875 or the Open Spaces Act 1906. "The notice for the disposal of part of Kilvey Hill raises substantial legal and procedural concerns. Under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, which governs the disposal of public open space, there is an obligation to advertise and consider objections to the proposed disposal. However, the notice must also comply with Section 123(2B) of the same Act, ensuring that the land is not disposed of if it is held under trust for public enjoyment unless justifiable reasons are provided. Furthermore, alignment with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 is crucial, as it mandates public bodies to consider the long-term impact of their decisions, particularly concerning environmental sustainability and community well-being. Under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council must demonstrate that the land in question is no longer required for its current purpose. I urge the Council to provide detailed reasoning behind this evaluation, balancing economic and social factors.

Kilvey Hill is designated as Open Access Land under the CRoW Act, vital for local recreation and biodiversity. Any development could restrict public access and impact rights of way, requiring thorough environmental and public rights assessments—details not sufficiently referenced in the disposal notice.

The proposed development could adversely affect the area's ecological balance and quiet area status, undermining the community's health and well-being. The need for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment is paramount.
Community Benefit and Access: The transformation of Kilvey Hill threatens to restrict public access and alter the landscape's current recreational and environmental roles. This area serves as an essential open space for community well-being, and its conversion into a leisure development could significantly limit these benefits.

I use this open space frequently it is very important for my mental and physical well being.
The development poses potential adverse effects on local biodiversity and disrupts Kilvey Hill's status as a quiet area. It's imperative to assess whether these plans align with the principles of sustainable development and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, emphasising the preservation of green spaces.

R177a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments	I am in support of the plans. Kilvey hill was a desolate wasteland at one point. It has benefited from planting of non native pines in the 70's so now can at least support some wildlife but it is a long way off being a 'protection habitat'. Making better use of and access to this fantastic vantage point and bringing leisure tourism to the area I believe is a good move for Swansea. I am glad my kids are growing up in an area where there are so many diverse opportunities for sports and adventure activities and having access to green space will no doubt have a wide reaching positive health benefits. A bit of thinking outside the box to make Swansea stand out.

R178a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 11:57
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal

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Dear Sir,

I wish to state my objection to the loss of open land at Kilvey Hill with the proposed new development.

Access to open space is increasingly under threat and yet, it's a vital part of our human condition to have access to the natural environment. Kilvey Hill has been a success story in its regeneration from an industrialised and polluted landscape, to a natural gem in the heart of an urban area.

When considering the physical and mental health of the local populations, choosing to remove access to such an amazing area goes against any rational thinking and puts profit, yours and the leisure company you are promoting, above the needs of the people you are entrusted in serving.

Kilve Hill should remain a natural open space, accessible by all.

Regards

R179a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 11:59
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Dear Head of Property Services, Greetings of grace, hope, and peace to you. Please DO NOT dispose of Kilvey Hill Land for Skyline Leisure Development. My name is [redacted] I reside at [redacted] I am very concerned about the disposal of Kilvey Hill land for Skyline Project planning. While I only moved to Swansea six months ago, I have come to love Kilvey Hill deeply. I walk on Kilvey Hill two to three times a week. I explore the different trails, enjoying the varied weather. The smell of pine and fresh grass renews my soul. And there are always new flowers or birds songs to discover. I often see dog walkers and youth while I am up on

the hill. People are friendly, and greeting creates a sense of community.

I have a young son with special needs, which is overwhelming at times. Along with inappropriate dysregulated behavior, there are many NHS and school appointments to navigate. My job can also seem heavy and hard, as I work with a charity that supports traumatized and vulnerable people. At times I myself struggle with anxiety and depression. Being able to walk out my door and up Kilvey Hill is my LIFELINE. As I climb, I think. I pray. I cry. Slowly, the tangles in my soul release, and I am able to return to my home and vocation calm and peaceful, ready to pick up my responsibilities with renewed patience and wisdom.

I recently participated in a SAVE KILVEY HILL walk, where I learned a bit more about the rich history and habitats of Kilvey Hill. This only deepened my understanding and awareness of Kilvey HIll as a sacred space of renewal and restoration which inspires hope, wonder, and a sense of resilience.

While I am concerned about many negative implications of the Skyline Project, including increased traffic, noise, and the need for parking, what concerns me most is the environmental impact and loss of green space for residents near Kilvey Hill. Like me, these precious people, especially those in St. Thomas and Port Tennant, have a myriad of stresses in their lives. Many do not have the time or disposable income to make a trip to The Gower. They need an easily accessible green space for their physical and mental health. Please note this link from Yale University: https://e360.yale.edu/features/ecopsychology-how-immersion-in-nature-benefits-your-health

Please DO NOT dispose of Kilvey Hill Land for the Skyline project.

The Council must provide a clear justification for this disposal, particularly considering the land's designation under historical acts that protect public spaces. The absence of a detailed rationale in the public notice raises concerns about transparency and adherence to legal requirements.

Kilvey Hill is designated as Open Access Land under the CRoW Act, vital for local recreation and biodiversity. Any development could restrict public access and impact rights of way, requiring thorough environmental and public rights assessments—details not sufficiently referenced in the disposal notice.

The proposed development could adversely affect the area's ecological balance and quiet area status, undermining the community's health and well-being. The need for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment is paramount.

I would love the opportunity to discuss these concerns with you in person. When would be a convenient time for you?

May God grant you wisdom and courage as you consider vulnerable people, habitats, and future generations.

Kind Regards,

[redacted]

Website:

Email: [redacted]

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Telephone and WhatsApp: [redacted]

"I can do no great thing, only small things with great love." Mother Teresa

For the Beauty of the Earth
Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint
Music: Conrad Kocher; Arr. by W.H. Monk

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

R 180 a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 12:10
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	It should NEVER be sold of or disposed of in any way! Private industry did enough damage when I was a kid. Its good to be able to walk up there again today as I have regularly for the last 40 years. Leave it alone or turn it into a nature reserve as it deserves!

R181a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 12:27
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Comments

We often come to the area, and enjoy the open space. It is quite unique to have an open area of nature and beauty so close to the city area. The place has been well managed and improved over the years. It has come a long way from when I remember it in the early 1980's when it was pretty much a post-industrial waste land.

It is so important to preserve any natural areas, and especially so where nature has been able to overcome the ravages of industrialization. Turning this area into a theme park, or attraction park is a step in the wrong direction. There must be other brown sites that could be developed in the Swansea area?

R182a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 12:31
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Stop ruining our beautiful nature for profit!

R183a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 12:38
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	This is an invaluable space for climbing and outdoor sports. Please do not loose yet another green space to developing more houses or buildings. Green spaces are becoming far and few between already. Do not let this one go too

R184a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 12:43
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments Please dont take anymome of our open spaces, we live in a beutiful area, dont mess it up with faddy tourist eyesaws. Encourage walking and enjoying thease areas.

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Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 12:47
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Should be left open space and nature, for walks to be enjoyed as hardly green space in Swansea as it is. Hence why most people go to Neath for this

R186a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 12:50
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments

I object to this development on a semi green space area - we do not have access to many green spaces for outdoor leisure activities in the Swansea area.
This area provides a variety of routes for walking and viewing the fantastic scenery in the surrounding areas.

R 187a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:02
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill

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I totally object to this development, we need to preserve as many green spaces and fantastic public viewpoints such as this to help people's well being and sense of calm and enjoyment, in this time of stress, despair and uncertainty we need these areas to be accessible to everyone and not turn them into more commercial enterprises that often fail and end up derelict

Yours sincerely

Sent from

R 188a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:04
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to this, it should be left for people to use, not handed over to a private firm, I walk this hill most weeks & have done for a number of years, theres hardly any green areas left untouched

R 189a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:08
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Address	
Postcode	
Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	The area needs to be protected to allow people to walk and get out in natural surroundings other than The Gower

R190a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:14
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SA

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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments Don't destroy our beautiful country side

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Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:19
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	This space is vital for recreational walks etc.

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Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 13:21
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Your comments	
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Address	
Postcode	
Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	This proposal from Swansea Council is to remove the open access and the public rights of way. This would remove CROW land and the area is a popular point within easy walking distance of the city. NRW several years ago also identified the land as priority heathland, as well as there woodland plans identifying the area for native woodland restoration. So my objections to this are the loss of open access land and the likely impact it will have on the local environment and the residents of thr local area.

R 193 a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:29
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the proposed disposal of land the area is used by a large community of climbers including myself on a regular basis It is a valuable asset to the area for the health and well-being of the local population

R194a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 13:33
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	We need to protect our Open Assess land and not build on it for current and future generations!

R195a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 14:04
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Wildlife & walks

R196a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 14:05
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object. This seems to me an inappropriate use of a local wild resource which is much used by local people. This is my most important objection. I don't think a gondola system will be much used and will cost lots to maintain. There would be simpler ways of providing accessible uplift for people.

R 197a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 14:06
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972
Attachments: Subject_ Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 SENT.pdf

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Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972

Dear Head of Property Services,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed disposal of land forming part of Kilvey Hill as indicated in the notice under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972. My objection incorporates concerns emphasising the substantial legal, procedural, environmental, and community impacts of this proposal.

Firstly, a Correction of Spelling Error in the Notice: The notice erroneously refers to "land know as Kilvey Hill." This should be corrected to "land known as Kilvey Hill" for accuracy.

Legal Requirements for Disposal:

Any disposal must be in accordance with Swansea Council's policy, which we understand to be the Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules) 2021. The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is unlikely to be surplus.

Compliance with Sections 123(2A) and 123(2B) of the Local Government Act 1972 is crucial. The proposal's temporary nature, given the 125-year lease term, contradicts the permanent disposition implied in the notice and requires clarification.

Public Value and Unrecorded Public Highways:

The land proposed for disposal holds immense public value, criss-crossed by unrecorded public highways vital for horse riders, cyclists, and carriage drivers. The failure to recognise these routes in the council's

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definitive map underscores the necessity of preserving this land for public use; please note The council has no up-to-date definitive map since it was not required to produce one until 1983.

Justification for Disposal and Land Requirement Evaluation:

A detailed justification for the proposed disposal, aligning with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, is missing. This act mandates considering the long-term impact of decisions on environmental sustainability and community well-being. Consideration of Best Value and Long-Term Lease Implications:

The proposal must address how it achieves best consideration, especially since the lease extends beyond 100 years, a detail not disclosed in the notice.

Lack of National Interest or Importance

The project, by its nature, does not align with developments typically classified as of national interest or importance, which are expected to offer significant cultural, economic, or infrastructural benefits to the country. The introduction of additional zip wire and luge cart rides does not fulfil a unique need, nor does it enhance the United Kingdom's or Europe's offerings in a meaningful way. In contrast, national interest projects should embody innovation, serve a significant public interest, or contribute to the national infrastructure in a manner currently underserved.

Lack of Uniqueness

The proposed attractions are not unique to our region or to the broader European context, where such facilities already exist in abundance. This redundancy questions the project's potential to attract a significant increase in tourism or provide a novel recreational resource that would justify its development on public land, especially on a site as ecologically and socially valuable as Kilvey Hill.

Negligible Exercise Benefits

Furthermore, the project's reliance on gravity-fueled attractions undermines the growing need for recreational spaces that encourage physical activity and health benefits. In an era where public health initiatives increasingly emphasise the importance of accessible outdoor spaces for exercise, the proposed development falls short of contributing positively to the community's physical well-being.

Open access spaces:

The development will result in a considerable reduction of accessible land for the public," contradicting claims of undiminished access. The intended use of approximately 37% of the hill for the project's facilities

and assertions that access to Kilvey Hill will not be reduced by the Skyline development "needs scrutiny," especially regarding the impact on public access and green space. Skyline's intention to erect prohibitory signs saying unwilling access to the luge is prohibited around the development areas potentially contradicting the land's open access nature.

Open Access Land under the CRoW Act:

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW Act) designates specific areas as open access land, granting the public legal rights to roam freely on foot for recreation. This designation carries significant implications for public access and rights of way, which necessitates careful consideration in any land disposal processes undertaken by public bodies. Before proceeding with the disposal of any land that falls under the CRoW Act designation, it is essential for the disposing body to conduct a thorough assessment to ensure that the disposal does not infringe upon the public's established access rights. This includes evaluating how the disposal might affect the extent and quality of accessible open space available to the public and ensuring that any changes do not lead to a reduction in the public's ability to exercise their rights under the CRoW Act.

The blue area is open-access land.
The red line is the proposed skyline project.

Quiet Area Status:

The disposal notice for Kilvey Hill significantly omits consideration of its designated status as a quiet area, a classification that underscores its value for providing a tranquil environment free from excessive noise pollution. Under environmental legislation and planning guidelines, any proposed land changes that could potentially impact this status warrant a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) not being referenced or link the relevant EIAs and details of public consultation in the disposal notice, as well as on the council's online notice site a significant oversight. For the disposal process to be compliant with environmental and planning regulations, the legislation mandates public consultation as a critical component of the environmental assessment process. This ensures that stakeholders, including local communities and interest groups, have the opportunity to provide input on projects that may affect their environment and quality of life with noise levels exceeding well over 75dbs 7 days a week.

Moreover, the disposal process must consider the potential need for alternative provisions to maintain or enhance public access elsewhere, should the disposal impact current access rights negatively. Public bodies must also engage in transparent consultation processes with relevant stakeholders, including local communities and access groups, to address any concerns and mitigate potential impacts on public access and enjoyment of the designated areas; this also stands for open-access land. This approach ensures compliance with the CRoW Act's provisions and upholds the principles of public access and rights of way. Kilvey should be considered an essential council function to protect noise levels and access to green spaces, there for the well-being of Swansea residents. The skyline proposal is far from an essential council function and will diminish its community value and maintain the balance between land management objectives and the public's right to enjoy open spaces for recreation.

Environmental Impact:

Kilvey Hill, recognised as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and a Nationally

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I am writing to formally object to the proposed disposal of land forming part of Kilvey Hill as indicated in the notice under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972. My objection incorporates concerns emphasising the substantial legal, procedural, environmental, and community impacts of this proposal.

Firstly, a Correction of Spelling Error in the Notice: The notice erroneously refers to "land know as Kilvey Hill." This should be corrected to "land known as Kilvey Hill" for accuracy.

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Any disposal must be in accordance with Swansea Council's policy, which we understand to be the Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules) 2021. The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is unlikely to be surplus.

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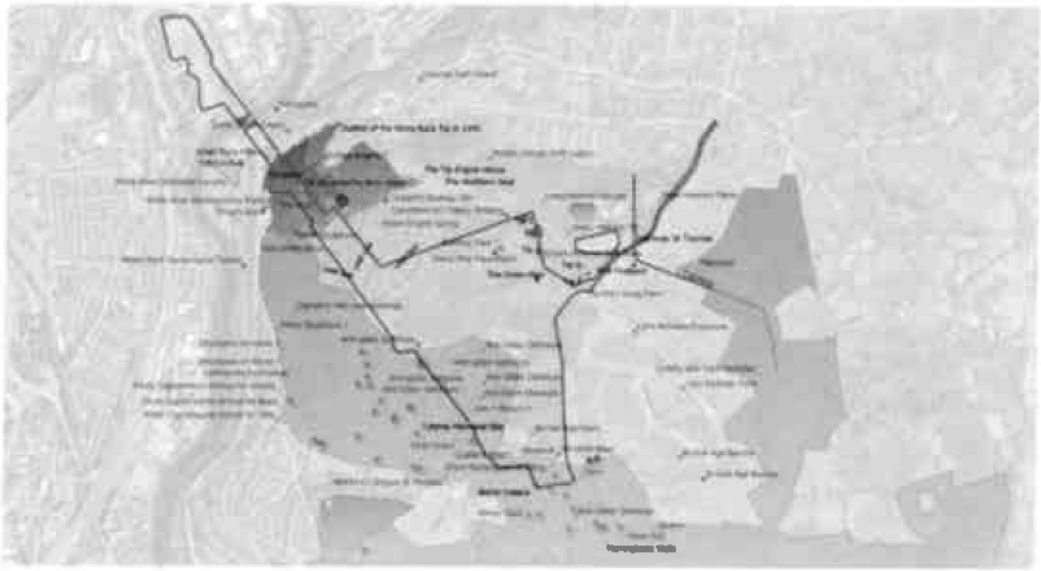
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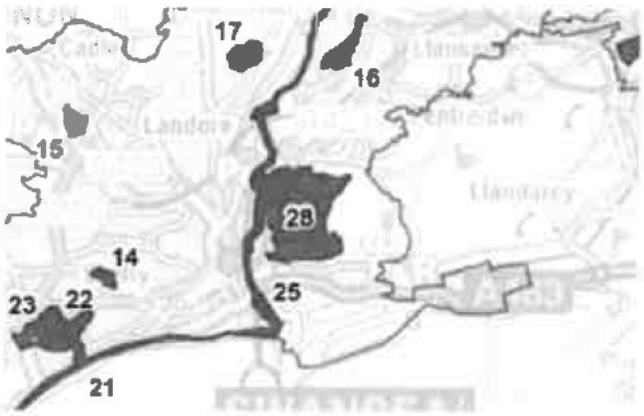
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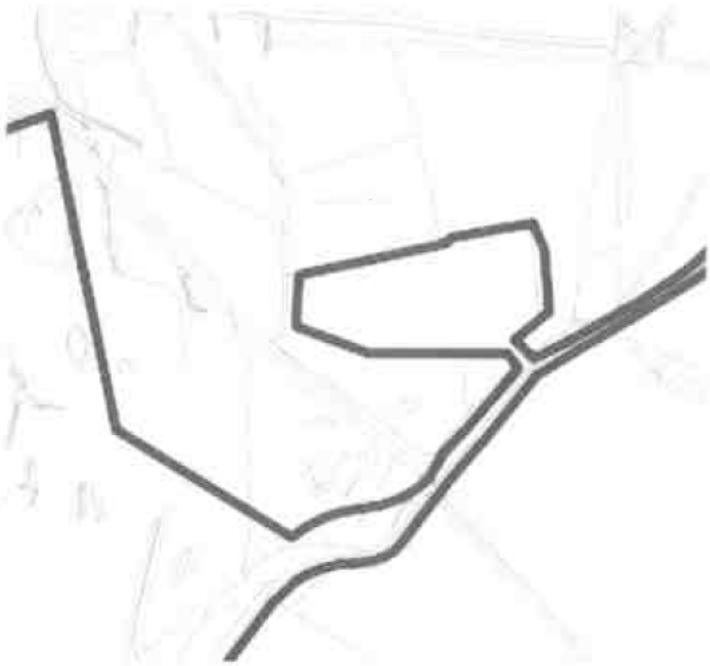
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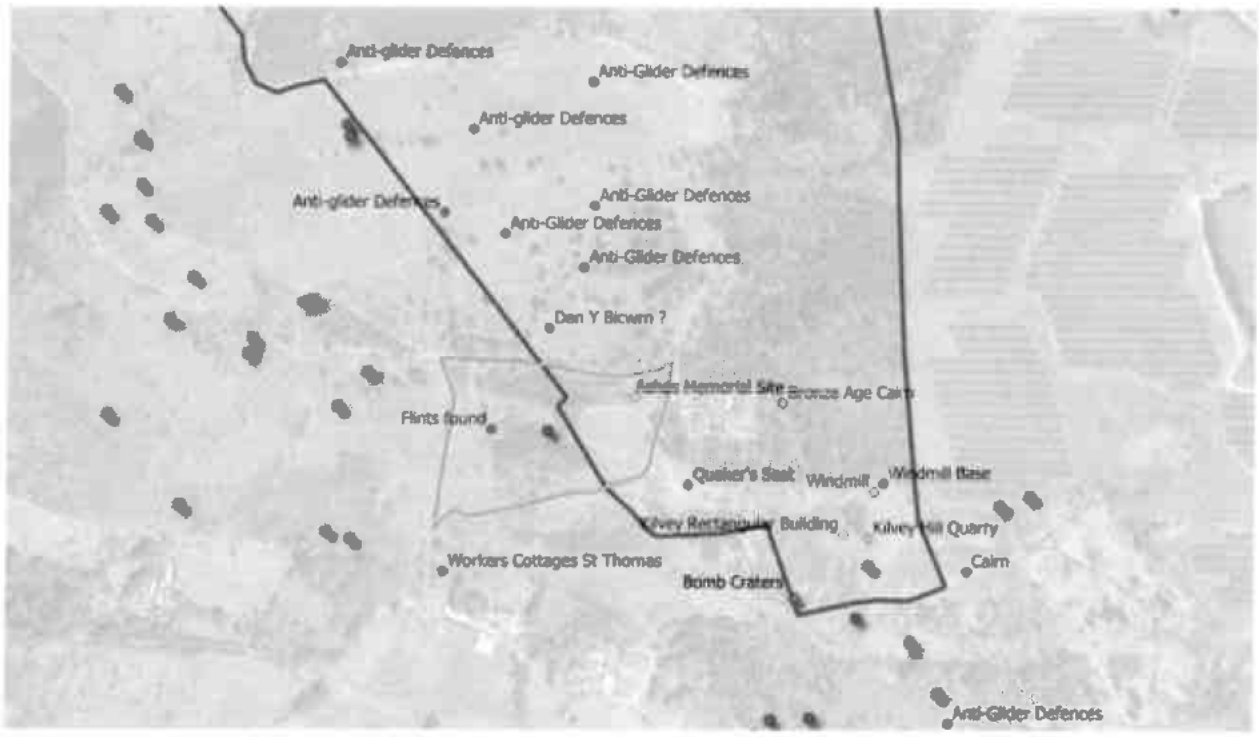
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Please reference the Planning Objection Documents below for more details on the skyline planning development.

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Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 14:11
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments

Given this was identified by natural resources Wales as area of priority heathland, I do not think this proposal to remove much needed public open access is sensible or legal ? It is also surely removing some of the provisions for Swanseas more deprived areas and is not in keeping with your public service board aspirations

E.g. removal of angst green space provision as per tan16 guidance, and/or indeed the recent requirements for LA green infrastructure assessments ? How was this assessed to be worthy of removal? Is this not a back door through to reapplication of the originally rejected planning permission?

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Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 14:25
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Dispoaal notice onbjection
Attachments: [redacted]isposal objection.docx

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Foe the head of property services - please find email message and objection attached.

Plerase acknowledge receipt of this.

Best wishes

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To Tracey Meredith: kilveyhill.posn@swansea.gov.uk

Re: reference number DVP-00274779 Disposal of open space land on Kilvey Hill to Skyline on lease

For the Head of Property Services

Please find below my objection to this Disposal notice. I would be grateful if you can please email me to tell me the justification for the disposal of this Open Space land on Kilvey Hill.

The Skyline Full Planning Application has yet to be decided. Please tell me what will happen if the council vote to dispose of the land on lease to Skyline and the planning application is refused.

Please notify me by email in advance of the date, time and venue of the meeting that will be held to decide the outcome of this notice, whether or not it is open to the public. As the notice concerns the curtailment of rights of access that the public currently enjoy, it would seem reasonable for the meeting to be open to the public to attend.

Thank you.

Objection

I object to the disposal of this land to Skyline on the following grounds.

- At this time, the full planning application by Skyline has yet to be decided.
- I spend a great deal of time on Kilvey Hill and do not want to lose my rights to free open access to this unique, wild, peaceful and natural area of countryside.
- **This Open Space land comprises of rare and valuable Heathland.** This has been confirmed in Swansea's Local Access Forum meetings. The heathland will no longer be protected from the Skyline development if the land is leased to them for development. It will not be possible to replicate this specific habitat.
- Any disposal must be in accordance with Swansea Council's policy, under be the Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules) 2021.
- **The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus** i.e. if the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a). It is not surplus.
- **The proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council.** The access land is therefore not surplus and it is unlawful for the council to dispose of it.
- **Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land is designated to give the public a right to free access all areas of the land.**
- The proposed disposal of this land to a private company for development will end this right. This area of Kilvey Hill is much loved and used by Swansea residents as a place for recreation and health benefits. Unregistered rights of way in current use exist on the land.
- Swansea Local Access Forum (LAF) have objected to the Skyline full planning application on the grounds that the proposed development will curtail current rights of public access on the proposed site, which incudes a large area of this Open Space land. As the body that specialises in Access issues, the LAF's view on this matter should be accepted by Swansea council.
- **It is a designated quiet area. The peace and tranquillity of this natural area of countryside for residents will be lost by the disposal of this land to Skyline.** The aim of the proposed development is an influx of 450,000 tourists and the noise of people using thrill seeking

activities. The disposal notice makes no reference to the Open Space land being within a designated Quiet area.

- **The Open Space land is currently free to access.** Leasing this land to Skyline will prevent free access and deter individuals and families who do not have enough money to pay for the Skyline activities.
- **The proposed lease to Skyline of over 100 years is too long.** In law the lease should be short.
- **If the Skyline business does not succeed, public land will be lost forever.** This is too much of a gamble with a valuable public resource.
- **A large section of the Open Space land advertised in this disposal notice is not owned by Swansea Council** and is currently subject to a land registry dispute.
- This low carbon emissions, wild area of countryside, will be transformed by the proposed large infrastructure with vehicular access road in daily use. **Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality** from vehicles, building materials and energy to heat and light the various structures will vastly increase carbon emissions in breach of Swansea council's net zero policy.
- **Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality** affecting the open access land by leasing it for the proposed Skyline development will be to the detriment of the health and well-being of all users of the Access Land.
- **The area will no longer have free open access for future generations** as has been enjoyed for many current and past generations. It will become an area where people have to pay to use activities. This will deter use by families who cannot afford the charges. The communities living around the open access land are some of the most social and economically deprived in Wales. This will take away a valuable resource for health and well-being, contrary to the Future Generations (Wales) Act. Freely available Green spaces should be preserved for future generations.
- A sample survey of 240 Swansea residents response to the Skyline proposal evidenced that 87% were concerned about **the loss of green space** that will result from the proposed Skyline development.
- ORVal Assessment: Kilvey Hill was found to have a substantial annual wealth value of £599,497. It was noted that 50% of visitors to the hill belonged to lower social grades compared to other similar green spaces in Swansea, indicating that **Kilvey hill, including the large area of Open Space in this notice, provides significant benefits to those in lower socio-economic classes.**
- **The land in this notice is used by people to scatter the ashes of loved ones.** This has been the case for many years. If the land is disposed to Skyline the ashes will be inappropriately located in a leisure park, may be dug up during development, and the relatives no longer have unfettered access to visit the site of the ashes.
- The disposal of open access land for development is contrary to the current Swansea Local Development Plan which designates this area as urban green wedge not to be developed on.
- **Absence of information in this Disposal Notice about the current rights of access conferred to the public on this CROW designated Open Space Land.** The notice does not state that this open space land is designated under the CROW Act. Insufficient information has been provided in the notice or otherwise to notify people as to the rights of access that the public currently enjoy over this land, so that they can understand what the disposal of the land to Skyline means. This information is reasonably required for transparency and to ensure that

the public have full information in order to be able to determine whether they want to object.

- A significant number of people have serious concerns about the proposed Skyline development for Kilvey Hill. As evidenced by the residents' survey (above) and over 3,000 signatures on a Senedd petition calling for Welsh government not to spend money on this scheme. The petition is still under review by the petitions committee despite being past its closing date.
- The lack of transparency in respect of many crucial aspects of the Skyline proposal, crucially information regarding the business case, detail of the proposed jobs, and the cost of the thrill-seeking activities is of concern, as is the failure to engage with legitimate concerns from members of the public. This situation is compounded by the lack of information in this Disposal Notice about the current rights of access conferred to the public on this CROW designated Open Space Land and the designation of Quiet Area, and absence of clear information as to what the disposal of this land will mean for the current rights of access.
- It falls to the council to decide the **best consideration** which is reasonably obtainable. In my view the loss of an open space that comprises of rare healthland, offers low carbon emissions, and provides free, unrestricted access for the health and well-being of local communities and visitors alike to a natural, undeveloped green area outweighs the potential, but unproven, economic gain of the proposed Skyline project. Not many cities can offer a wild natural landscape within such close reach of the city centre.
- No proposals for deriving economic benefit from low carbon alternatives to Skyline that would not involve the disposal of this open space land, would promote ecotourism, involve and meet the needs of local people in a more sustainable way that is less intrusive to this unique landscape have been considered.
- **Economic factors**. This is relevant to best consideration. Welsh Government and Swansea council have proposed to allocate a financial contribution to Skyline Enterprises for this proposed development. Skyline have no track business record for this type of development in Europe. Swansea is the wettest city in the UK. The inclement weather for six months of the year and long periods of poor visibility of the sea view, do not lend themselves to success for this proposed endeavour which is reliant on open air activities. Swansea has far more rainfall that for example Skyline's Rotorua site in New Zealand. The proposed gondolas rides to Kilvey hill top are reliant on the visibility of the sea view. How many of the proposed 100 jobs are after the initial construction phase, and will be all year-round full-time jobs, given our climate.?
- **The disposal of this open space land is a big gamble** and once lost, to such a large-scale development (18 months to construct) this unique landscape and resource will be lost forever.

It is hoped that the decision taken on this disposal notice will be considered with an open mind and a fair weighing up of all considerations raised in objections, and with questions asked about the evidence base of any proposed economic gain. Thank you for considering my objection.

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Howard French

From:	Nigel Robins
Sent:	05 February 2024 14:49
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972
Attachments:	Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference number DVP-00274779 SAE.pdf

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Dear Sirs,

My objection letter herewith.

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Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972

Dear Head of Property Services,

I formally object to the proposed disposal of land forming part of Kilvey Hill as indicated in the notice under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972. My objection incorporates concerns emphasising this proposal's substantial legal, procedural, environmental, and community impacts.

Legal Requirements for Disposal:

Any disposal must be by Swansea Council's policy, which we understand as the Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules) 2021. The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. If the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a), it is unlikely to be surplus.

Compliance with Sections 123(2A) and 123(2B) of the Local Government Act 1972 is crucial. Given an apparent 125-year lease term, the proposal's temporary nature contradicts the permanent disposition implied in the notice and requires clarification.

Public Value and Unrecorded Public Highways:

The land proposed for disposal holds immense public value, criss-crossed by unrecorded routes used for over thirty years and vital for horse riders, cyclists, and carriage drivers. The failure to recognise these routes in the council's definitive map underscores the necessity of preserving this land for public use; please note **The council appears to have no up-to-date definitive map since it was not required to produce one until 1983.**

Justification for Disposal and Land Requirement Evaluation:

A detailed justification for the proposed disposal, aligning with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, is missing. This act mandates considering the long-term impact of decisions on environmental sustainability and community well-being. Consideration of Best Value and Long-Term Lease Implications:

The proposal must address how it achieves best consideration, primarily since the lease extends beyond 100 years, a detail not disclosed in the notice.

Lack of National Interest or Importance
By its nature as a speculative tourism business (with no sight of the Business Case), the project **does not align with developments typically classified as national interest or importance, which are expected to offer significant cultural, economic, or infrastructural benefits to the country**. The introduction of additional zip wire and luge cart rides does not fulfil a unique need nor meaningfully enhance the United Kingdom's or Europe's offerings. In contrast, national interest projects should embody innovation, serve a significant public interest, or contribute to the national infrastructure in a manner currently underserved.

Lack of Uniqueness

The proposed attractions are not unique to our region or to the broader European context, where such facilities already exist in abundance. This redundancy questions the project's potential to attract a significant increase in tourism or provide a novel recreational resource that would justify its development on public land, especially on a site as ecologically and socially valuable as Kilvey Hill.

Negligible Exercise Benefits

Furthermore, the project's reliance on gravity-fuelled attractions undermines the growing need for recreational spaces to encourage physical activity and health benefits. In an era where public health initiatives increasingly emphasise the importance of accessible outdoor spaces for exercise, the proposed development falls short of contributing positively to the community's physical well-being.

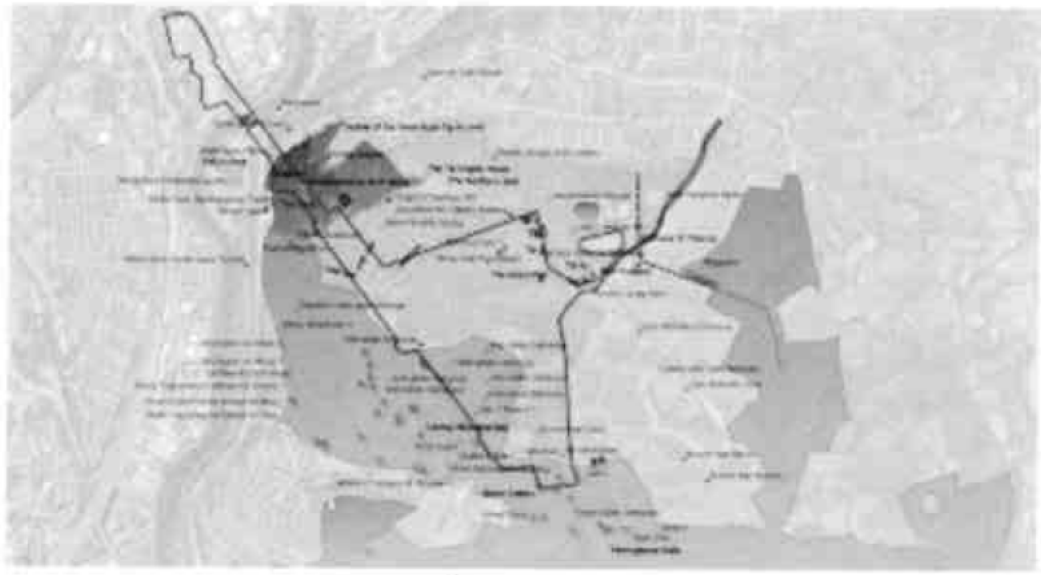
Open access spaces:

The development will result in a considerable reduction of accessible land for the public," contradicting claims of undiminished access. The intended use of approximately 37% of the hill for the project's facilities and assertions that the Skyline development will not reduce access to Kilvey Hill "needs scrutiny," especially regarding the impact on public access and green space. Skyline's intention to erect prohibitory signs saying unwilling access to the luge is prohibited around the development areas potentially contradicts the land's open-access nature. **A significant portion of the land proposed to be removed from open access is not even owned by the Council and is the subject of an adverse possession legal dispute.**

Open Access Land under the CRoW Act:

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW Act) designates specific areas as open access land, granting the public legal rights to roam freely on foot for recreation. This designation carries significant implications for public access and rights of way, necessitating careful consideration in any land disposal processes undertaken by public bodies. **Before proceeding with the disposal of any land that falls under the CRoW Act designation, the disposing body must conduct a thorough assessment to ensure that the disposal does not infringe upon the public's established access rights.** This includes evaluating how the disposal might affect the extent and quality of accessible open space available to the public and ensuring that any changes do not reduce the public's ability to exercise their rights under the CRoW Act.

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The blue area is open-access land.
The red line is the proposed skyline project.

Quiet Area Status:

The disposal notice for Kilvey Hill significantly omits consideration of its designated status as a quiet area. This classification underscores its value for providing a tranquil environment without excessive noise pollution. Under environmental legislation and planning guidelines, any proposed land changes that could potentially impact this status warrant a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) not being referenced or link the relevant EIAs and details of public consultation in the disposal notice, as well as on the council's online notice site a significant oversight. For the disposal process to comply with environmental and planning regulations, the legislation mandates public consultation as a critical component of the environmental assessment process. This ensures that stakeholders, including local communities and interest groups, can provide input on projects that may affect their environment and quality of life with noise levels exceeding 75 DBS 7 days a week.

Moreover, the disposal process must consider the potential need for alternative provisions to maintain or enhance public access elsewhere, should the disposal impact current access rights negatively. Public bodies must also engage in transparent consultation processes with relevant stakeholders, including local communities and access groups, to address any concerns and mitigate potential impacts on public access and enjoyment of the designated areas; this also stands for open-access land. This approach ensures compliance with the CRoW Act's provisions and upholds the principles of public access and rights of way. Kilvey should be considered an essential council function to protect noise levels and access to green spaces for the well-being of Swansea residents. **The skyline proposal is far from an essential council function. It will diminish its community value and maintain the balance between land management objectives and the public's right to enjoy open recreational spaces.**

Environmental Impact:

Kilvey Hill, recognised as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and a Nationally Designated Quiet Area, stands at the brink of irreversible environmental impact due to the Skyline project. The development threatens the hill's biodiversity and

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tranquillity, which is invaluable to the community's well-being, the area's rare heathland with natural carbon absorption abilities.

Consideration of Best Value and Long-Term Lease Implications:

Addressing the best consideration achievable, especially for a lease extending beyond 100 years, is paramount. Not disclosed in the notice, this detail raises questions about the proposal's compliance with the Local Government Act 1972's requirements for obtaining the best possible outcome for the community and the legal stipulations for public land disposal. The council must disclose and justify the lease terms transparently, ensuring they represent the best value and align with community interests and environmental stewardship. Addressing the best consideration achievable, especially for a lease of 125 years

Economic Sustainability of Development with Local Development Plans:

The proposal must align with sustainable development principles and Swansea's LDP, respecting the area's ecological value and community well-being.



Transparency and Ownership Issues:

Ensuring complete disclosure of ownership details, including for unregistered sections and those under legal dispute, is critical for public bodies' lawful land disposal. This requirement supports adherence to legal frameworks such as the Local Government Act 1972, particularly Section 123, which governs local authorities' disposal of public land, ensuring that all disposals are carried out lawfully and by the principles of transparency and accountability. Additionally, the Land Registration Act 2002 emphasises the importance of a clear and public record of land ownership, which underpins the necessity for transparent disclosure of ownership in disposal proceedings. These legal requirements ensure that disposals are conducted fairly, mitigate future disputes, and uphold public trust in the management of public assets.

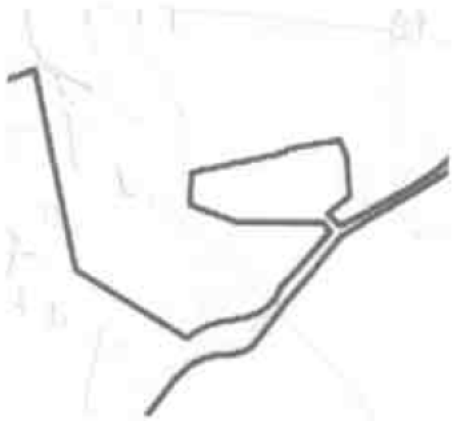
Impact on Local ResidentsLoss of cultural heritage and community sites;

The disposal would severely impact residents, denying them crucial outdoor recreational opportunities in a community already challenged by a lack of healthy recreational space. Enhanced public engagement and consideration of community feedback are imperative.

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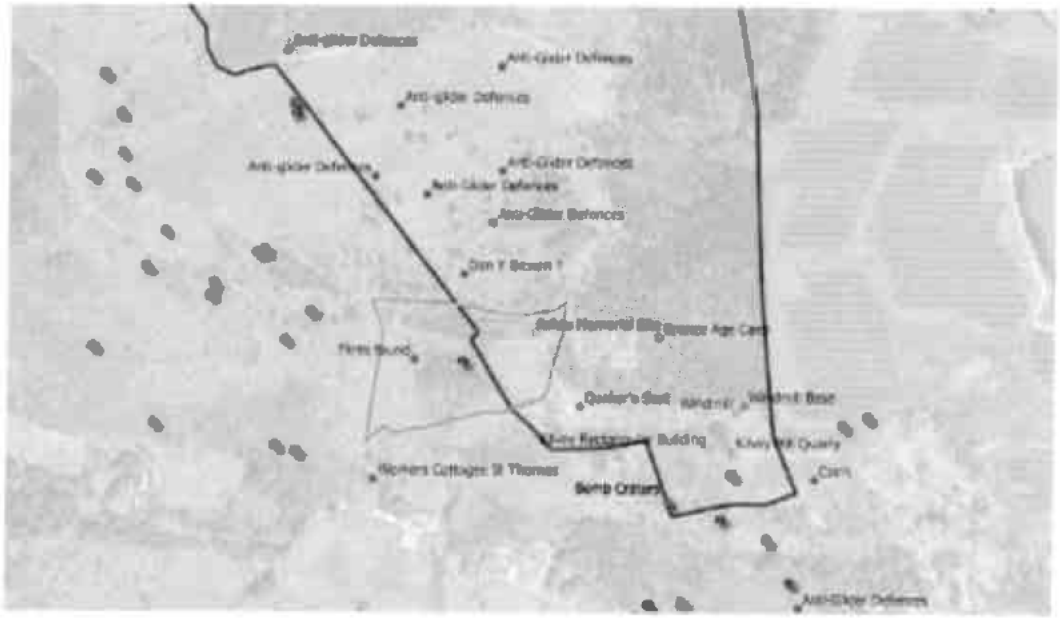
The project involves "two miles of concrete go-kart track, illuminated until 11 p.m. with sound systems, 24-hour lighting and a licenced bar on the summit bring alcohol sales Fast Food vans to a CV2 area this is not good for the public's well-being.

Please note this field, known as the old football pitch, will be gone in the disposal notice agreed to but was stated publicly as temporary, and with local open access spaces and recreational with significant green space locally been Ear Marked for much-needed housing, making this loss even more worrying been considered as surplus to requirement witch seem unjustifiable.



Please note the community ashes memorial and other important sites in the development area that will be lost to development buildings. The community memorial area is also within land currently not owned by the Council and is subject to an adverse possession legal dispute. The disputed land is shown edged green on the map below.

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5 February 2024

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Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 14:56
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: "Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" Ref No: DVP-00274779/SAE

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To:
Head of Property Services,
The Council of the City and County of Swansea,
Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea, SA1 3SN

Re: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal
Your reference number: DVP-00274779/SAE

I object fully to the disposal of any open space on Kilvey Hill, especially the area marked on the plan in your Notice of Disposal.

Kilvey Hill currently allows residents of Swansea, including myself, the freedom to walk freely in the areas shown on that map. I, like many others, enjoy all the Tranquility, Space, Fresh Air, Vistas and Nature it currently offers, and also enjoy knowing that its Biodiversity value will steadily increase with time and simple but knowledgeable maintenance.

Disposal of that open space as proposed, to Skyline Swansea through the grant of the lease would:

a) place much of that land under concrete and the land adjacent to the concrete under harsh land management (eg. herbicide application and hard landscaping methods including astroturfing and gravels)

b) the areas would necessarily be fenced to protect assets and health and safety from any developments by the lessee (Skyline Swansea). That would prohibit any entry to those areas by myself or members of the public.

Yours sincerely

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Howard French

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the Skyline proposals on the grounds that ... 1.There hasn't been a full and proper consultation with the people of Swansea and especially people who live locally. 2. A large area of Kilvey Hill will no longer be available for us to access as people have done for decades. 3. Natural habitat that provides shelter and food for wildlife will be ripped up and replaced with tons of concrete, forcing many animals, insects etc away, and possibly creating flooding on lower grounds by rain water cascading down the hill rather than being absorbed into the soil. 4. At a time when Swansea is in a dire state financially, and the NHS, GP's, dentists, housing, roads, public services etc. are in the worse state it has ever been in my living memory, how can this be afforded? 5. Who picks up the tab for this latest " white elephant" when it goes belly up like so many other grand ventures by Swansea Council leaders???

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Will it be the poor tax payer like me yet again,who gets no say in how my council tax money is spent.

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Howard French

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Comments

I object to the Council disposing of land forming part of Kilvey Hill on the following rounds:
1. There is no justification for the Disposal - which you are obliged to do particularly considering the land's designation under historical acts that protect public spaces. The absence of a detailed rationale in the public notice raises concerns about transparency and adherence to legal requirements.
2. Impact on Public Access and Rights: Kilvey Hill is designated as Open Access Land under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000, which is vital for local recreation and biodiversity. Any development will restrict public access and impact rights of way. Legally this would require a thorough environmental and public rights assessment –details not sufficiently referenced in the disposal notice.

3. Environmental and Community Well-being: the proposed development could adversely affect the area's ecological balance and quiet area status, undermining the community's health and well-being. The need for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment is paramount.
4. The Council has not demonstrated that this land is surplus to requirements and / or no longer needed for the purposes that it was being held for. No alternatives for useage or enhancements for this land have been explored and discounted by the Council. This lack of a thorough evaluation of the current and future use of the site for the public's
5. Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, sub section 2 states that '... except with the consent of the Secretary of State a Council shall not dispose of land under this section, otherwise by way of a short tenancy, for consideration less than can be reasonably obtained'. The Council has not demonstrated that alternatives to this particularly company have been sought nor that a commercial value has been considered before proposing to grant a 100 years lease(which is excessive-vely long).

R204a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 14:59
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the application. Loss of public rights of way, free use paths for walkers and access to green spaces.

R 205a

Howard French

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I used to walk up here with my friends when I was younger. It's absolutely beautiful and the public need access to it. Please do not take this wonderful location from the people.

IR 206a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 15:10
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments

I object to the Council disposing of land forming part of Kilvey Hill on the following rounds:

1. Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, sub section 2 states that ... except with the consent of the Secretary of State a Council shall not dispose of land under this section, otherwise by way of a short tenancy, for consideration less than can be reasonably obtained. The Council has not demonstrated that alternatives to this particularly company have been sought nor that a commercial value has been considered before proposing to grant a 100 years lease.

Case law such as R (Cillidara) v West Northamptonshire Council [2023] establishes this point.

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2. Under any circumstances the granting of a 100 year lease, without strong conditions, breakpoints and rent reviews (if that is the case) would not appear to give fair value to the ratepayers and citizens of Swansea. I hope the terms of the contract would stand up to audit commission scrutiny.

R 207a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 15:13
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972

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Dear Head of Property Services,

I write to you as the [redacted] for the British Driving Society (BDS) in West Glamorgan, representing a community of carriage drivers who regularly utilise the land on Kilvey Hill for riding and driving horses. Our activities not only contribute to the cultural heritage and recreational diversity of the area but also support the physical and mental well-being of participants.

The proposed disposal of land on Kilvey Hill for development, as indicated under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, has raised concerns within our community. Despite attempts to engage with the Swansea Council and the Skyline project team, including submissions of statements, user evidence forms, and petitions highlighting the importance of access to Kilvey Hill for carriage driving, we have yet to receive any assurances or proposals for suitable safeguarding of our continued access.

The proposed development threatens to significantly alter the landscape and accessibility of the hill, potentially rendering it unsuitable for carriage driving and other activities that depend on the open and natural terrain.

I understand that disposal or development of public land must adhere to the legal frameworks outlined in the Local Government Act 1972 and consider the implications of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW Act), which emphasises the importance of public access to open spaces. The proposed development's impact on the designated open access land under the CRoW Act has not been adequately assessed, raising concerns about the legality and appropriateness of the disposal process.

Given the lack of assurances and the absence of suitable alternative arrangements to safeguard continued access for carriage driving and other recreational activities, I am compelled to formally object to the proposed disposal and development on Kilvey Hill. II request that the Council engage in meaningful dialogue with the British Driving Society to explore solutions that respect and preserve the accessibility of Kilvey Hill.

I respectfully request acknowledgement of receipt of this objection. Thank you in advance for considering my objection,

Sincerely,

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British Driving Society, West Glamorgan

R 208a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments

I approach this as a local business owner that wants to see Swansea thrive economically, culturally and environmentally.
I am against this particular project because I just don't trust an overseas company, motivated purely by it's own profit, to do any of the things it says it will do.
Yes there will be investment but this will mainly create infrastructure and have a negative impact on the environment. It will also reduce the current access to members of the public.
Yes there will be some local jobs created but these will, for the most part, be low paid, seasonal. I have not seen anything to contradict that.
Yes it will be a tourist attraction and may encourage more people to visit Swansea, but the profits generated will be syphoned out of the area and even out of the country. It will entice some spending away from current local ventures. These ventures keep any profits circulating in the local economy.

Therefore, I believe this will, overall, have a negative effect on the economy, culture and environment and there is no case that it is needed or even wanted by the majority of people in Swansea.
If the business thrives then we will not see the benefit. If it does not thrive then it will eventually close leaving yet another eyesore in our landscape and an environmental disaster with it. I am think of such examples as the ill-fated dry ski slope.
I hope that the council can see this for the vanity project it is. Swansea has so much to offer that this does nothing to enhance.

R209a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 15:27
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal reference number DVP-00274779/SAE

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to the above disposal for the following reasons:
- Kilvey Hill provides an invaluable green space in the centre of the city for wellbeing and physical health for people living in the city and needs to continue to be free open access for everyone
- Kilvey hill is home to a wide range of biodiversity and is an extremely important resource that should not be disturbed by development in the area
- Kilvey Hill is a large carbon sink in the middle of the city
- Kilvey has huge historic significance to the city and should be available to all

All of the above are key to meeting the statutory responsibilities under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and disposing of the open access to the space would have an impact on meeting the needs of future generations.

I hope the council can see the enormous value of open access to Kilvey hill for the people of Swansea and rethinks the disposal!

Regards

Sent from Outlook for Android

R 210a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 15:29
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Opposition to 'disposal' of land at Kilvey Hill DVP-00274779/SAE

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Monday 5th February 2024

The Council of the City and County of Swansea,

Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road,

Swansea.

SA1 3SN

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Development by Skyline Enterprises in Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai.

Dear Head of Property Services,

I am writing to object to the current proposal of 'disposal of land' on Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai, reference "Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE"). At the same time, this objection extends to any planning applications submitted by Skyline International Ltd to Swansea Council under the proposals to build a tourist attraction leisure park on top of Kilvey Hill.

The reasons for this objection are many-fold but include the following:.

- Wildlife preservation (species of birds, animals, trees, disruption of natural habitats).
- Preservation of green open spaces
- Kilvey Hill is one of our nation's Designated Quiet Areas [preemptive complaint of noise pollution from construction and function of facility].
- Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, founded in 1865 condemns the plans for Swansea Skyline project (https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/)

- The resulting impact on the landscape of Swansea as a city, and the ongoing impact of such construction works and how this will very likely impact traffic and put more strain on already-heavy traffic areas of the city.
- The potential loss of Landore Park and Ride facilities
- The likely abandonment of the project when profits are not realised and the remnants of the structures that will be left as an eyesore seen around the city 360*.
- The impact on the city's carbon footprint and the additional predicted load of 12,000+ cars.
- The goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act promoting community, environment and equality regardless of circumstance.
- Being that Kilvey Hill is a large open space in our immediate urban environment, it's a green space that can be accessed on foot by the city's residents, many of whom might be limited to travel due to socioeconomic reasons.
- The current proposals do not sit with the Planning Framework for Wales and appears more as a vanity project.
- It is particularly concerning that Dawn Bowden MS has gushing comments about it in memory from her holiday spent in Queensland, New Zealand - it is easy to romanticise ideas when on a thrill/high on holiday, and ignore the realistic differences between two locations, Queensland, New Zealand and Swansea, Wales. This particular point feels like corruption. See an image of Queensland below. Queensland, New Zealand is the second most popular tourist destination in New Zealand next to Auckland, with an estimated one-million tourists to the area in 2019. In the same year, they estimate a similar number visited Wales - but the whole country, not a single city. Wales has far less international tourism Scotland and England, and therefore less happenstance foot-fall https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmwelaf/220/report.html#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20only%201.02%20million,more%20international%20visitors%20than%20Wales.)
- Queensland is a 'resort town'. It also happens to be where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and invites many tourists annual to visit the hobbit houses, which are still present and maintained. Queensland is also nicknamed 'the adventure capital of the world'. Can we please acknowledge here that Swansea is worlds' apart in terms of location and current tourism levels/pull. Most people don't visit Queensland to go to the Skyline Park. They go to Queensland for a myriad of other reasons, and there happens to be a Skyline facility there, which people use.
- The public are questioning whether this is the best use of public funds and are being ignored. We have seen cuts to the bus services, which many people are upset about, .and St Helen's stadium is requiring maintenance/renovation to bring to standard - an aspect of the city that can be a consistent income for tourism.
- Should the new Skypark project fail, or become a 'white elephant' it will be a rotting eyesore for the city to witness as Kilvey Hill can be directly observed all around the city.
- The current "funding" that both the Welsh Government (£4m) and Swansea Council (£8m) have somehow suddenly came into possession of after closing down schools and putting pressure on libraries and other suffering leisure facilities could be better spent elsewhere. There must be transparency around where this money is coming from and it made clear at what expense of other projects.
- The alleged report by Kada Research, a company specialising in writing business plans that 'win', that has claimed the profitable forecasted returns on the Skyline has not been shared with the main stakeholders involved (the People of the City and County of Swansea). Such reports that have such massive weight within any local business deal involving public money should be freely available for public scrutiny within any working democracy. This report however has not been shown to citizens - with particular frustration from those with the strongest feelings against the project.
- The hill is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill).
- Not all public footpaths have been recorded correctly. Quote from Open Spaces Society "[Swansea Council] have ignored the fact that much of Kilvey Hill is recorded as public-access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/countryside-and-rights-of-way-act-2000-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf), where people have the right to walk freely, and enjoy the expansive views over Swansea Bay. That freedom would be impaired by the development." "The society argues that the proposed development would have a devastating effect on Kilvey Hill, which is a special area, loved by local people and visitors for its opportunities for informal public access on foot, horseback, bike, and horse-drawn carriage." https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/

- Concern for Crymlyn Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest which will be downhill of this proposed construction and as a result will be impacted by the works.
- How much infrastructure will need to be put in place for a commercial facility of this nature, think sewers for toilets, electric cables for power. I've been told commercial facilities require much different set to private houses. Think of the amount of human waste that will require pumping down the hill to the mains at the bottom.
- These plans were pre-covid. We now have a new found acknowledgment for the importance of nature within urban spaces generally as a society.
- There is very little transparency around this project or 'disposal' particularly around the length of time for lease. Some are suggesting the council are leasing it for 125 years to Skyline. This is not acceptable.
- Is Swansea council even allowed to do this? As a freedom of information request, who are the owners of Kilvey Hill, and do Swansea Council have the legal right to lease it.

Evidence of Community Opposition:

A petition recently held over 3,000 signatures from local residents who object to this development. The central concern highlighted in the petition is the allocation of public funds to a tourist attraction, particularly in a designated quiet area. The community voices strong opposition against utilising public resources for a project that threatens the tranquillity and traditional use of the designated quiet area and instead urges that public funds be directed towards projects that uphold the serene character of the area and serve the local residents' interests.

Impact Analysis

The proposed development threatens to disrupt the tranquillity of the designated quiet area, adversely affecting the residents, wildlife, and the activities at St. Thomas Bowling Green, and other areas of the Hill. As proposed, the continuous operation of the Sky Swing from morning to 11 PM poses a significant noise nuisance, fundamentally altering the quiet character of the area. This is just in reference to the Sky Swing, where additional noise is anticipated from the general attraction.

Alternative Suggestions:

We suggest exploring alternative locations for the proposed Sky Swing and general Skyline development that are not located within or near designated quiet areas or revising the operating hours to minimize noise disturbances during the quiet hours observed in the area.

Conclusion:

We strongly urge Swansea Council to consider the adverse impacts of the proposed development on the designated quiet area and the broader community. We would like to ask that the planning application [Application Number] for the Sky Swing development by Skyline Enterprises be denied, ensuring the preservation of the tranquility and integrity of the designated quiet area for the present and future generations.

Thank you very much for considering our objection. We're looking forward to engaging further in the planning process to ensure that the interests and well-being of the community are upheld.

Sincerely,

[Your Name/Your Group's Name]

Planning application Numbers: Ref. No: 2023/1748/FUL

2022/2986/SCR

Disposal reference: (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE")

See policy and supporting legal references overleaf.

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Policy and legal references

There are several pieces of legislation that bring question to the current actions. These are included under the following:

1. Noise [Kilvey Hill - Designed Quiet Area, Welsh Government.
2. Well-being and environment needs of the community before development and profit
3. Lack of appropriate assessments, e.g. traffic and carbon footprint, environmental.
4. Disregard of green infrastructure

This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

i) The Planning Policy Wales (Ed. 11, 2021)

ii) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)

iii) Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006)

iv) Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013)

v) Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)

vi) The Environment (Wales) Act (2016)

vii) Public Health (Wales) Act (2017)

viii) Environmental Protection Act (1990)

The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006) require our environmental noise action plans to identify "quiet areas in agglomerations" and aim to protect them against an increase in noise. The Welsh Ministers confirmed the designation of 63 quiet areas in agglomerations, with the agreement with the relevant local authorities, when drawing up the first national noise action plan for Wales in 2013. These designations remain in place following EU Exit. (Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028: gov.waleshttps://www.gov.wales › filesPDFNoise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028)

The Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf) articulates that"6.7.12 Planning authorities must consider current and future sources of air and noise pollution as part of developing their strategies for locating new development. The pattern of proposed development should be informed by the sensitivity of, and compatibility of, uses in relation to the sources of airborne pollution and the importance of ensuring appropriate soundscapes. Green infrastructure provision will be an important means of addressing the cumulative impacts of air and noise pollution and soundscapes on individuals and society and provide benefits for social and ecosystems resilience".

"6.7.18 Early consideration is required to ascertain whether the location and design of proposed development is acceptable where air pollution or noisegenerating development is likely to affect a protected species, or is proposed in an area likely to affect a statutorily designated site (such as Natura 2000 sites or SSSIs) or a tranquil urban green space (including but not limited to formally designated 'quiet areas') valued for the restorative respite and contact with nature that they offer to residents of busy towns and cities."

"6.7.25 Planning authorities should identify areas of cultural or historic importance to be given special consideration in terms of soundscape where this may be necessary to safeguard the vibrancy of places or

provide tranquil, restorative environments within busy built-up areas. As well as this, it will be invaluable to identify synergies between the mapping of green infrastructure and the moderating effect the protection of, or provision of, green infrastructure may have in terms of maintaining good air quality and appropriate soundscapes. This will include, but is not limited to, protecting tranquillity, the role of tranquil green spaces such as the 'quiet areas' designated in noise action plans and the benefits of green infrastructure as part of good design."

"1. The planning system manages the development and use of land in the public interest, prioritising long term collective benefit, contributing to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It must reconcile the needs of development and conservation, securing economy, efficiency and amenity in the use of land, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and protecting, promoting, conserving and enhancing the built and historic environment."

One of the Key Planning Principles: "Fig 4. Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact. Natural, historic and cultural assets must be protected, promoted, conserved and enhanced. Negative environmental impacts should be avoided in the wider public interest. This means acting in the long term to respect environmental limits and operating in an integrated way so that resources and/ or assets are not irreversibly damaged or depleted. The polluter pays principle applies where pollution cannot be prevented and applying the precautionary principle ensures cost effective measures to prevent environmental damage."

4.1.45 "Local authorities must adopt an integrated approach to traffic management. They should consider how different measures can complement one another and contribute to the achievement of wider planning and transport objectives, implementing the Active Travel Act (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/active-travel-act-guidance.pdf) and reducing exposure to air and noise pollution, taking into account the needs of the disabled and less mobile sections of the community."

4.1.56 "Planning applications for developments, including changes of use, falling into the categories identified in TAN 18: Transport27 must be accompanied by a Transport Assessment. In addition, in areas where the transport network is particularly sensitive, planning authorities should consider requiring Transport Assessments for developments which fall outside of the thresholds set out in TAN 18. Transport Assessments can be required for any proposed development if the planning authority considers that there is a justification or specific need. Transport Assessments provide the basis for negotiation on scheme details, including the level of parking, and measures to improve walking, cycling, and public transport access, as well as measures to limit or reduce levels of air and noise pollution. They should cover the transport impacts during the construction phase of the development, as well as when built and in use. Transport Assessments also provide an important basis for the preparation of Travel Plans. Further guidance on Transport Assessments and Travel Plans is contained in TAN 18."

Green Infrastructure 6.2.1 6.2.2 6.2.3 "Green infrastructure is the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. Component elements of green infrastructure can function at different scales. At the landscape scale green infrastructure can comprise entire ecosystems such as wetlands, waterways and mountain ranges. At a local scale, it might comprise parks, fields, public rights of way, allotments, cemeteries and gardens. At smaller scales, individual urban interventions such as street trees, hedgerows, roadside verges, and green roofs/walls can all contribute to green infrastructure networks.

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted) provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity between and within ecosystems and the extent, condition and connectivity of ecosystems and their ability to adapt. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty113. Green infrastructure is capable of providing several functions at the same time and as a result offers multiple benefits, for social, economic and cultural as well as environmental resilience. The components of green infrastructure, by improving the resilience of ecosystems, can result in positive benefits to well-being including f lood management, water purification, improved air quality, reduced noise pollution and local climate moderation, climate change mitigation and food production. These benefits are important in urban environments where they can facilitate health and well-being related benefits of open

space, clean air and improved tranquility, for example, as well as creating a sense of place and improved social cohesion. In addition, green infrastructure has a role in protecting local distinctiveness, providing economic benefits and social and community opportunities."

Integrating Green Infrastructure and Development 6.2.4 6.2.5 131 "Green infrastructure plays a fundamental role in shaping places and our sense of well-being, and are intrinsic to the quality of the spaces we live, work and play in. The planning system should protect and enhance green infrastructure assets and networks because of these multi-functional roles. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity must be carefully considered as part of green infrastructure provision alongside the need to meet society's wider social and economic objectives and the needs of local communities. The multiple benefits that resilient ecosystems and green infrastructure offer to society, including the economic and social contribution they make to local areas, should be taken into account when balancing and improving these needs."

Air Quality and Soundscape 6.7.1 6.7.2 "Clean air and an appropriate soundscape, contribute to a positive experience of place as well as being necessary for public health, amenity and well-being. They are indicators of local environmental quality and integral qualities of place which should be protected through preventative or proactive action through the planning system. Conversely, air, noise and light pollution can have negative effects on people, biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems and should be reduced as far as possible. 6.7.3 6.7.4 Certain sounds, such as those created by trees, birds or water features, can contribute to a sense of tranquillity whilst others can be reassuring as a consequence of their association with the normality of everyday activities. Problematic forms of sound are generally experienced as noise pollution and can affect amenity and be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Noise action plans146 drawn up by public bodies aim to prevent and reduce noise levels where necessary and preserve soundscape quality where it is good. Noise levels used to identify priority areas contained in noise action plans are usually set quite high in order to focus resources on the most polluted areas and noise must meet a number of tests before it qualifies as a statutory nuisance. Lower levels of noise, however, can still be annoying or disruptive and impact on amenity and as such should be protected through the planning process wherever necessary. The planning system must protect amenity and it is not acceptable to rely on statutory nuisance under the **Environmental Protection Act (1990)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents) to do so."

6.7.4 "Predicted levels of air and noise pollution on individuals, society and the environment and identify and pursue any opportunities to reduce, or at least, minimise population exposure to air and noise pollution, and improve soundscapes, where it is practical and feasible to do so."

6.7.5 "In taking forward these broad objectives the key planning policy principle is to consider the effects which proposed developments may have on air or soundscape quality and the effects which existing air or soundscape quality may have on proposed developments. Air Quality and soundscape influence choice of location and distribution of development and it will be important to consider the relationship of proposed development to existing development and its surrounding area and its potential to exacerbate or create poor air quality or inappropriate soundscapes. The agent of change principle says that a business or person responsible for introducing a change is responsible for managing that change. In practice, for example, this means a developer would have to ensure that solutions to address air quality or noise from nearby pre-existing infrastructure, businesses or venues can be found and implemented as part of ensuring development is acceptable."

7.7 6.7.8 To assist decision making it will be important that the most appropriate level of information is provided and it may be necessary for a technical air quality and noise assessment to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and competent person on behalf of the developer.

" National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes. Maximising Environmental Protection and Limiting Environmental Impact Resilient biodiversity and ecosystems Distinctive and special landscapes Integrated green infrastructure Appropriate soundscapes Reduces environmental risks Manages water resources naturally Clean air Reduces overall pollution Resilient to climate change Distinctive and special historic environments.

Placemaking - Distinctive & Natural Places Landscape / Coastal Areas / Historic Environment / Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity / Water, Air, Soundscape & Light / Flooding / De-risking

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Environmental Considerations • will important features of the natural and built environment be protected and enhanced; • are the environ

Strategic and spatial conditions: includes considering the design of a development and its impacts upon everyday lives as well as thinking holistically about where people might live and work and which areas should be protected

Good design can help to ensure high environmental quality. Landscape and green infrastructure considerations are an integral part of the design process. Integrating green infrastructure is not limited to focusing on landscape and ecology, rather, consideration should be given to all features of the natural environment and how these function together to contribute toward the quality of places. This embraces the principles of 'ecosystems services' and sustainable management of natural resources where multiple benefits solution become an integral part of good design. In a similar manner, addressing environmental risks can make a positive contribution to environmental protection and improvement, addressing land contamination, instability and flood risk and providing for biodiversity, climate protection, improved air quality, soundscape and water resources benefits. Character The special characteristics of an area should be central to the design of a development. The layout, form, scale and visual appearance of a proposed development and its relationship to its surroundings are important planning considerations. A clear rationale behind the design decisions made, based on site and context analysis, a strong vision, performance requirements and design principles, should be sought throughout the development process and expr

Placemaking in Rural Areas The countryside is a dynamic and multi-purpose resource. In line with sustainable development and the national planning principles and in contributing towards placemaking outcomes, it must be conserved and, where possible, enhanced for the sake of its ecological, geological, physiographic, historical, archaeological, cultural and agricultural value and for its landscape and natural resources. The need to conserve these attributes should be balanced against the economic, social and recreational needs of local communities and visitors. Fostering adaptability and resilience will be a key aim for rural places in the face of the considerable challenge of maintaining the vibrancy of communities and availability of services as well as contributing to the Cohesive Communities well-being goal. This is coupled with ensuring the countryside is resilient to the impacts of climate change and plays a role in reducing the causes of climate change through the protection of carbon sinks and as a sustainable energy source in line with the Resilient Wales well-being goal.

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5 The sustainable development principle

- (1)
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  - (a)
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37 Assessments of local well-being

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To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Objection to the Kilvey Hill Development ref no; DUP-00274779

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my objection to the proposed development of the site on Kilvey Hill on environmental grounds. These being:

The proposed site sits in a unique position overlooking the city and is a unique feature in itself – one that is loved by local people. There is a real possibility that the structure of the Skyline will be an eyesore on what is a pleasing aspect of that side of the city.

The building and development of this project will have a negative impact on the environment of this site whose fauna/flora and wildlife need protection – and more time is needed to undertake a serious study of this area from an environmental aspect.

Furthermore, at a time when we as citizens are being asked to protect the environment as a necessity for tackling climate change, why is this project even being considered? It is not an essential development for schools or housing – just entertainment for the few on what is a green site.

As a resident of the city I am deeply concerned about this development.

Yours sincerely.

Sent from Mail for Windows

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From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 15:31
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Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Monday 5th February 2024

The Council of the City and County of Swansea,

Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road,

Swansea.

SA1 3SN

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Development by Skyline Enterprises in Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai.

Dear Head of Property Services,

I am writing to object to the current proposal of 'disposal of land' on Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai, reference "Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE"). At the same time, this objection extends to any planning applications submitted by Skyline International Ltd to Swansea Council under the proposals to build a tourist attraction leisure park on top of Kilvey Hill.

The reasons for this objection are many-fold but include the following:.

- Wildlife preservation (species of birds, animals, trees, disruption of natural habitats).
- Preservation of green open spaces
- Kilvey Hill is one of our nation's Designated Quiet Areas [preemptive complaint of noise pollution from construction and function of facility].

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- Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, founded in 1865 condemns the plans for Swansea Skyline project (https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/)
- The resulting impact on the landscape of Swansea as a city, and the ongoing impact of such construction works and how this will very likely impact traffic and put more strain on already-heavy traffic areas of the city.
- The potential loss of Landore Park and Ride facilities
- The likely abandonment of the project when profits are not realised and the remnants of the structures that will be left as an eyesore seen around the city 360*.
- The impact on the city's carbon footprint and the additional predicted load of 12,000+ cars.
- The goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act promoting community, environment and equality regardless of circumstance.
- Being that Kilvey Hill is a large open space in our immediate urban environment, it's a green space that can be accessed on foot by the city's residents, many of whom might be limited to travel due to socioeconomic reasons.
- The current proposals do not sit with the Planning Framework for Wales and appears more as a vanity project.
- It is particularly concerning that Dawn Bowden MS has gushing comments about it in memory from her holiday spent in Queensland, New Zealand - it is easy to romanticise ideas when on a thrill/high on holiday, and ignore the realistic differences between two locations, Queensland, New Zealand and Swansea, Wales. This particular point feels like corruption. See an image of Queensland below. Queensland, New Zealand is the second most popular tourist destination in New Zealand next to Auckland, with an estimated one-million tourists to the area in 2019. In the same year, they estimate a similar number visited Wales - but the whole country, not a single city. Wales has far less international tourism Scotland and England, and therefore less happenstance foot-fall https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmwelaf/220/report.html#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20only%201.02%20million,more%20international%20visitors%20than%20Wales.)
- Queensland is a 'resort town'. It also happens to be where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and invites many tourists annual to visit the hobbit houses, which are still present and maintained. Queensland is also nicknamed 'the adventure capital of the world'. Can we please acknowledge here that Swansea is worlds' apart in terms of location and current tourism levels/pull. Most people don't visit Queensland to go to the Skyline Park. They go to Queensland for a myriad of other reasons, and there happens to be a Skyline facility there, which people use.
- The public are questioning whether this is the best use of public funds and are being ignored. We have seen cuts to the bus services, which many people are upset about, .and St Helen's stadium is requiring maintenance/renovation to bring to standard - an aspect of the city that can be a consistent income for tourism.
- Should the new Skypark project fail, or become a 'white elephant' it will be a rotting eyesore for the city to witness as Kilvey Hill can be directly observed all around the city.
- The current "funding" that both the Welsh Government (£4m) and Swansea Council (£8m) have somehow suddenly came into possession of after closing down schools and putting pressure on libraries and other suffering leisure facilities could be better spent elsewhere. There must be transparency around where this money is coming from and it made clear at what expense of other projects.
- The alleged report by Kada Research, a company specialising in writing business plans that 'win', that has claimed the profitable forecasted returns on the Skyline has not been shared with the main stakeholders involved (the People of the City and County of Swansea). Such reports that have such massive weight within any local business deal involving public money should be freely available for public scrutiny within any working democracy. This report however has not been shown to citizens - with particular frustration from those with the strongest feelings against the project.
- The hill is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill).
- Not all public footpaths have been recorded correctly. Quote from Open Spaces Society "[Swansea Council] have ignored the fact that much of Kilvey Hill is recorded as public-access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/countryside-and-rights-of-way-act-2000-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf), where people have the right to walk freely, and enjoy the expansive views over Swansea Bay. That freedom would be impaired by the development." "The society argues that the proposed development would have a devastating effect on Kilvey Hill, which

is a special area, loved by local people and visitors for its opportunities for informal public access on foot, horseback, bike, and horse-drawn carriage." https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/

- Concern for Crymlyn Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest which will be downhill of this proposed construction and as a result will be impacted by the works.
- How much infrastructure will need to be put in place for a commercial facility of this nature, think sewers for toilets, electric cables for power. I've been told commercial facilities require much different set to private houses. Think of the amount of human waste that will require pumping down the hill to the mains at the bottom.
- These plans were pre-covid. We now have a new found acknowledgment for the importance of nature within urban spaces generally as a society.
- There is very little transparency around this project or 'disposal' particularly around the length of time for lease. Some are suggesting the council are leasing it for 125 years to Skyline. This is not acceptable.
- Is Swansea council even allowed to do this? As a freedom of information request, who are the owners of Kilvey Hill, and do Swansea Council have the legal right to lease it.

Evidence of Community Opposition:

A petition recently held over 3,000 signatures from local residents who object to this development. The central concern highlighted in the petition is the allocation of public funds to a tourist attraction, particularly in a designated quiet area. The community voices strong opposition against utilising public resources for a project that threatens the tranquillity and traditional use of the designated quiet area and instead urges that public funds be directed towards projects that uphold the serene character of the area and serve the local residents' interests.

Impact Analysis

The proposed development threatens to disrupt the tranquillity of the designated quiet area, adversely affecting the residents, wildlife, and the activities at St. Thomas Bowling Green, and other areas of the Hill. As proposed, the continuous operation of the Sky Swing from morning to 11 PM poses a significant noise nuisance, fundamentally altering the quiet character of the area. This is just in reference to the Sky Swing, where additional noise is anticipated from the general attraction.

Alternative Suggestions:

We suggest exploring alternative locations for the proposed Sky Swing and general Skyline development that are not located within or near designated quiet areas or revising the operating hours to minimize noise disturbances during the quiet hours observed in the area.

Conclusion:

We strongly urge Swansea Council to consider the adverse impacts of the proposed development on the designated quiet area and the broader community. We would like to ask that the planning application [Application Number] for the Sky Swing development by Skyline Enterprises be denied, ensuring the preservation of the tranquility and integrity of the designated quiet area for the present and future generations.

Thank you very much for considering our objection. We're looking forward to engaging further in the planning process to ensure that the interests and well-being of the community are upheld.

Sincerely,

[Your Name/Your Group's Name]

Planning application Numbers: Ref. No: 2023/1748/FUL

2022/2986/SCR

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See policy and supporting legal references overleaf.

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There are several pieces of legislation that bring question to the current actions. These are included under the following:

1. Noise [Kilvey Hill - Designed Quiet Area, Welsh Government.
2. Well-being and environment needs of the community before development and profit
3. Lack of appropriate assessments, e.g. traffic and carbon footprint, environmental.
4. Disregard of green infrastructure

This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

i) The Planning Policy Wales (Ed. 11, 2021)

ii) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)

iii) Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006)

iv) Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013)

v) Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)

vi) The Environment (Wales) Act (2016)

vii) Public Health (Wales) Act (2017)

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"6.7.18 Early consideration is required to ascertain whether the location and design of proposed development is acceptable where air pollution or noisegenerating development is likely to affect a protected species, or is proposed in an area likely to affect a statutorily designated site (such as Natura 2000 sites or SSSIs) or a tranquil urban green space (including but not limited to formally designated 'quiet areas') valued for the restorative respite and contact with nature that they offer to residents of busy towns and cities."

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One of the Key Planning Principles: "Fig 4. Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact. Natural, historic and cultural assets must be protected, promoted, conserved and enhanced. Negative environmental impacts should be avoided in the wider public interest. This means acting in the long term to respect environmental limits and operating in an integrated way so that resources and/ or assets are not irreversibly damaged or depleted. The polluter pays principle applies where pollution cannot be prevented and applying the precautionary principle ensures cost effective measures to prevent environmental damage."

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The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted) provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity between and within ecosystems and the extent, condition and connectivity of ecosystems and their ability to adapt. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty113. Green infrastructure is capable of providing several functions at the same time and as a result offers multiple benefits, for social, economic and cultural as well as environmental resilience. The components of green infrastructure, by improving the resilience of ecosystems, can result in positive benefits to well-being including f lood management, water purification, improved air quality, reduced noise

pollution and local climate moderation, climate change mitigation and food production. These benefits are important in urban environments where they can facilitate health and well-being related benefits of open space, clean air and improved tranquility, for example, as well as creating a sense of place and improved social cohesion. In addition, green infrastructure has a role in protecting local distinctiveness, providing economic benefits and social and community opportunities."

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6.7.5 "In taking forward these broad objectives the key planning policy principle is to consider the effects which proposed developments may have on air or soundscape quality and the effects which existing air or soundscape quality may have on proposed developments. Air Quality and soundscape influence choice of location and distribution of development and it will be important to consider the relationship of proposed development to existing development and its surrounding area and its potential to exacerbate or create poor air quality or inappropriate soundscapes. The agent of change principle says that a business or person responsible for introducing a change is responsible for managing that change. In practice, for example, this means a developer would have to ensure that solutions to address air quality or noise from nearby pre-existing infrastructure, businesses or venues can be found and implemented as part of ensuring development is acceptable."

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Environmental Considerations • will important features of the natural and built environment be protected and enhanced; • are the environ

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Comments

I absolutely object to this - this is public land and the council has no right to dispose of it to a private entity for a vanity project.

The amount of damage to be done to this area is immense and considering the amount amount of concrete to be poured it is an environmental disaster in the making.

This has no place in a sustainable world and is completely at odds with the climate challenges facing us.

Stop this now.

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Mae cyfraith diogelu data'n disgrifio'r sail gyfreithiol ar gyfer prosesu eich data yn ôl yr angen er mwyn cyflawni tasg gyhoeddus. Am fwy o wybodaeth am sut mae Cyngor Abertawe'n defnyddio'ch data personol, gan gynnwys eich hawliau fel testun data, gweler ein hysbysiad preifatrwydd corfforaethol ar ein gwefan.

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Rhowch y côd post yn y blwch chwilio am gôd post, cliciwch ar y botwm 'chwilio am gyfeiriad' ac yna dewiswch y cyfeiriad iawn o'r rhestr.

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Llain Rhif.	DVP-00274779/SAE
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- It is particularly concerning that Dawn Bowden MS has gushing comments about it in memory from her holiday spent in Queensland, New Zealand - it is easy to romanticise ideas when on a thrill/high on holiday, and ignore the realistic differences between two locations, Queensland, New Zealand and Swansea, Wales. This particular point feels like corruption. See an image of Queensland below. Queensland, New Zealand is the second most popular tourist destination in New Zealand next to Auckland, with an estimated one-million tourists to the area in 2019. In the same year, they estimate a similar number visited Wales - but the whole country, not a single city. Wales has far less international tourism Scotland and England, and therefore less happenstance foot-fall https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmwelaf/220/report.html#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20only%201.02%20million,more%20international%20visitors%20than%20Wales.)
- Queensland is a 'resort town'. It also happens to be where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and invites many tourists annual to visit the hobbit houses, which are still present and maintained. Queensland is also nicknamed 'the adventure capital of the world'. Can we please acknowledge here that Swansea is worlds' apart in terms of location and current tourism levels/pull. Most people don't visit Queensland to go to the Skyline Park. They go to Queensland for a myriad of other reasons, and there happens to be a Skyline facility there, which people use.
- The public are questioning whether this is the best use of public funds and are being ignored. We have seen cuts to the bus services, which many people are upset about, .and St Helen's stadium is requiring maintenance/renovation to bring to standard - an aspect of the city that can be a consistent income for tourism.
- Should the new Skypark project fail, or become a 'white elephant' it will be a rotting eyesore for the city to witness as Kilvey Hill can be directly observed all around the city.
- The current "funding" that both the Welsh Government (£4m) and Swansea Council (£8m) have somehow suddenly came into possession of after closing down schools and putting pressure on libraries and other suffering leisure facilities could be better spent elsewhere. There must be transparency around where this money is coming from and it made clear at what expense of other projects.
- The alleged report by Kada Research, a company specialising in writing business plans that 'win', that has claimed the profitable forecasted returns on the Skyline has not been shared with the main stakeholders involved (the People of the City and County of Swansea). Such reports that have such massive weight within any local business deal involving public money should be freely available for public scrutiny within any working democracy. This report however has not been shown to citizens - with particular frustration from those with the strongest feelings against the project.
- The hill is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill).
- Not all public footpaths have been recorded correctly. Quote from Open Spaces Society "[Swansea Council] have ignored the fact that much of Kilvey Hill is recorded as public-access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/countryside-and-rights-of-way-act-2000-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf), where people have the right to walk freely, and enjoy the expansive views over Swansea Bay. That freedom would be impaired by the development." "The society argues that the proposed development would have a devastating effect on Kilvey Hill, which is a special area, loved by local people and visitors for its opportunities for informal public access on foot, horseback, bike, and horse-drawn carriage." https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/

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- Concern for Crymlyn Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest which will be downhill of this proposed construction and as a result will be impacted by the works.
- How much infrastructure will need to be put in place for a commercial facility of this nature, think sewers for toilets, electric cables for power. I've been told commercial facilities require much different set to private houses. Think of the amount of human waste that will require pumping down the hill to the mains at the bottom.
- These plans were pre-covid. We now have a new found acknowledgment for the importance of nature within urban spaces generally as a society.
- There is very little transparency around this project or 'disposal' particularly around the length of time for lease. Some are suggesting the council are leasing it for 125 years to Skyline. This is not acceptable.
- Is Swansea council even allowed to do this? As a freedom of information request, who are the owners of Kilvey Hill, and do Swansea Council have the legal right to lease it.

Evidence of Community Opposition:

A petition recently held over 3,000 signatures from local residents who object to this development. The central concern highlighted in the petition is the allocation of public funds to a tourist attraction, particularly in a designated quiet area. The community voices strong opposition against utilising public resources for a project that threatens the tranquillity and traditional use of the designated quiet area and instead urges that public funds be directed towards projects that uphold the serene character of the area and serve the local residents' interests.

Impact Analysis

The proposed development threatens to disrupt the tranquillity of the designated quiet area, adversely affecting the residents, wildlife, and the activities at St. Thomas Bowling Green, and other areas of the Hill. As proposed, the continuous operation of the Sky Swing from morning to 11 PM poses a significant noise nuisance, fundamentally altering the quiet character of the area. This is just in reference to the Sky Swing, where additional noise is anticipated from the general attraction.

Alternative Suggestions:

We suggest exploring alternative locations for the proposed Sky Swing and general Skyline development that are not located within or near designated quiet areas or revising the operating hours to minimize noise disturbances during the quiet hours observed in the area.

Conclusion:

We strongly urge Swansea Council to consider the adverse impacts of the proposed development on the designated quiet area and the broader community. We would like to ask that the planning application [Application Number] for the Sky Swing development by Skyline Enterprises be denied, ensuring the preservation of the tranquility and integrity of the designated quiet area for the present and future generations.

Thank you very much for considering our objection. We're looking forward to engaging further in the planning process to ensure that the interests and well-being of the community are upheld.

See policy and supporting legal references overleaf.

Policy and legal references

There are several pieces of legislation that bring question to the current actions. These are included under the following:

1. Noise [Kilvey Hill - Designed Quiet Area, Welsh Government.
2. Well-being and environment needs of the community before development and profit
3. Lack of appropriate assessments, e.g. traffic and carbon footprint, environmental.

4. Disregard of green infrastructure

This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

i) The Planning Policy Wales (Ed. 11, 2021)

ii) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)

iii) Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006)

iv) Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013)

v) Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)

vi) The Environment (Wales) Act (2016)

vii) Public Health (Wales) Act (2017)

viii) Environmental Protection Act (1990)

The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006) require our environmental noise action plans to identify "quiet areas in agglomerations" and aim to protect them against an increase in noise. The Welsh Ministers confirmed the designation of 63 quiet areas in agglomerations, with the agreement with the relevant local authorities, when drawing up the first national noise action plan for Wales in 2013. These designations remain in place following EU Exit. (Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028: gov.waleshttps://www.gov.wales › filesPDFNoise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028)

The Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf) articulates that"6.7.12 Planning authorities must consider current and future sources of air and noise pollution as part of developing their strategies for locating new development. The pattern of proposed development should be informed by the sensitivity of, and compatibility of, uses in relation to the sources of airborne pollution and the importance of ensuring appropriate soundscapes. Green infrastructure provision will be an important means of addressing the cumulative impacts of air and noise pollution and soundscapes on individuals and society and provide benefits for social and ecosystems resilience".

"6.7.18 Early consideration is required to ascertain whether the location and design of proposed development is acceptable where air pollution or noisegenerating development is likely to affect a protected species, or is proposed in an area likely to affect a statutorily designated site (such as Natura 2000 sites or SSSIs) or a tranquil urban green space (including but not limited to formally designated 'quiet areas') valued for the restorative respite and contact with nature that they offer to residents of busy towns and cities."

"6.7.25 Planning authorities should identify areas of cultural or historic importance to be given special consideration in terms of soundscape where this may be necessary to safeguard the vibrancy of places or provide tranquil, restorative environments within busy built-up areas. As well as this, it will be invaluable to identify synergies between the mapping of green infrastructure and the moderating effect the protection of, or provision of, green infrastructure may have in terms of maintaining good air quality and appropriate soundscapes. This will include, but is not limited to, protecting tranquillity, the role of tranquil green spaces such as the 'quiet areas' designated in noise action plans and the benefits of green infrastructure as part of good design."

"1. The planning system manages the development and use of land in the public interest, prioritising long term collective benefit, contributing to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It must reconcile the needs of development and conservation, securing economy,

efficiency and amenity in the use of land, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and protecting, promoting, conserving and enhancing the built and historic environment."

One of the Key Planning Principles: "Fig 4. Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact. Natural, historic and cultural assets must be protected, promoted, conserved and enhanced. Negative environmental impacts should be avoided in the wider public interest. This means acting in the long term to respect environmental limits and operating in an integrated way so that resources and/ or assets are not irreversibly damaged or depleted. The polluter pays principle applies where pollution cannot be prevented and applying the precautionary principle ensures cost effective measures to prevent environmental damage."

4.1.45 "Local authorities must adopt an integrated approach to traffic management. They should consider how different measures can complement one another and contribute to the achievement of wider planning and transport objectives, implementing the Active Travel Act (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/active-travel-act-guidance.pdf) and reducing exposure to air and noise pollution, taking into account the needs of the disabled and less mobile sections of the community."

4.1.56 "Planning applications for developments, including changes of use, falling into the categories identified in TAN 18: Transport27 must be accompanied by a Transport Assessment. In addition, in areas where the transport network is particularly sensitive, planning authorities should consider requiring Transport Assessments for developments which fall outside of the thresholds set out in TAN 18. Transport Assessments can be required for any proposed development if the planning authority considers that there is a justification or specific need. Transport Assessments provide the basis for negotiation on scheme details, including the level of parking, and measures to improve walking, cycling, and public transport access, as well as measures to limit or reduce levels of air and noise pollution. They should cover the transport impacts during the construction phase of the development, as well as when built and in use. Transport Assessments also provide an important basis for the preparation of Travel Plans. Further guidance on Transport Assessments and Travel Plans is contained in TAN 18."

Green Infrastructure 6.2.1 6.2.2 6.2.3 "Green infrastructure is the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. Component elements of green infrastructure can function at different scales. At the landscape scale green infrastructure can comprise entire ecosystems such as wetlands, waterways and mountain ranges. At a local scale, it might comprise parks, fields, public rights of way, allotments, cemeteries and gardens. At smaller scales, individual urban interventions such as street trees, hedgerows, roadside verges, and green roofs/walls can all contribute to green infrastructure networks.

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted) provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity between and within ecosystems and the extent, condition and connectivity of ecosystems and their ability to adapt. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty113. Green infrastructure is capable of providing several functions at the same time and as a result offers multiple benefits, for social, economic and cultural as well as environmental resilience. The components of green infrastructure, by improving the resilience of ecosystems, can result in positive benefits to well-being including f lood management, water purification, improved air quality, reduced noise pollution and local climate moderation, climate change mitigation and food production. These benefits are important in urban environments where they can facilitate health and well-being related benefits of open space, clean air and improved tranquility, for example, as well as creating a sense of place and improved social cohesion. In addition, green infrastructure has a role in protecting local distinctiveness, providing economic benefits and social and community opportunities."

Integrating Green Infrastructure and Development 6.2.4 6.2.5 131 "Green infrastructure plays a fundamental role in shaping places and our sense of well-being, and are intrinsic to the quality of the spaces we live, work and play in. The planning system should protect and enhance green infrastructure assets and networks because of these multi-functional roles. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity must be carefully considered as part of green infrastructure provision alongside the need to meet society's wider social and economic objectives and the needs of local communities. The multiple

benefits that resilient ecosystems and green infrastructure offer to society, including the economic and social contribution they make to local areas, should be taken into account when balancing and improving these needs."

Air Quality and Soundscape 6.7.1 6.7.2 "Clean air and an appropriate soundscape, contribute to a positive experience of place as well as being necessary for public health, amenity and well-being. They are indicators of local environmental quality and integral qualities of place which should be protected through preventative or proactive action through the planning system. Conversely, air, noise and light pollution can have negative effects on people, biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems and should be reduced as far as possible. 6.7.3 6.7.4 Certain sounds, such as those created by trees, birds or water features, can contribute to a sense of tranquillity whilst others can be reassuring as a consequence of their association with the normality of everyday activities. Problematic forms of sound are generally experienced as noise pollution and can affect amenity and be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Noise action plans146 drawn up by public bodies aim to prevent and reduce noise levels where necessary and preserve soundscape quality where it is good. Noise levels used to identify priority areas contained in noise action plans are usually set quite high in order to focus resources on the most polluted areas and noise must meet a number of tests before it qualifies as a statutory nuisance. Lower levels of noise, however, can still be annoying or disruptive and impact on amenity and as such should be protected through the planning process wherever necessary. The planning system must protect amenity and it is not acceptable to rely on statutory nuisance under the **Environmental Protection Act (1990)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents) to do so."

6.7.4 "Predicted levels of air and noise pollution on individuals, society and the environment and identify and pursue any opportunities to reduce, or at least, minimise population exposure to air and noise pollution, and improve soundscapes, where it is practical and feasible to do so."

6.7.5 "In taking forward these broad objectives the key planning policy principle is to consider the effects which proposed developments may have on air or soundscape quality and the effects which existing air or soundscape quality may have on proposed developments. Air Quality and soundscape influence choice of location and distribution of development and it will be important to consider the relationship of proposed development to existing development and its surrounding area and its potential to exacerbate or create poor air quality or inappropriate soundscapes. The agent of change principle says that a business or person responsible for introducing a change is responsible for managing that change. In practice, for example, this means a developer would have to ensure that solutions to address air quality or noise from nearby pre-existing infrastructure, businesses or venues can be found and implemented as part of ensuring development is acceptable."

7.7 6.7.8 To assist decision making it will be important that the most appropriate level of information is provided and it may be necessary for a technical air quality and noise assessment to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and competent person on behalf of the developer.

" National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes. Maximising Environmental Protection and Limiting Environmental Impact Resilient biodiversity and ecosystems Distinctive and special landscapes Integrated green infrastructure Appropriate soundscapes Reduces environmental risks Manages water resources naturally Clean air Reduces overall pollution Resilient to climate change Distinctive and special historic environments.

Placemaking - Distinctive & Natural Places Landscape / Coastal Areas / Historic Environment / Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity / Water, Air, Soundscape & Light / Flooding / De-risking

Environmental Considerations • will important features of the natural and built environment be protected and enhanced; • are the environ

Strategic and spatial conditions: includes considering the design of a development and its impacts upon everyday lives as well as thinking holistically about where people might live and work and which areas should be protected

Good design can help to ensure high environmental quality. Landscape and green infrastructure considerations are an integral part of the design process. Integrating green infrastructure is not limited to focusing on landscape and ecology, rather, consideration should be given to all features of the natural

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environment and how these function together to contribute toward the quality of places. This embraces the principles of 'ecosystems services' and sustainable management of natural resources where multiple benefits solution become an integral part of good design. In a similar manner, addressing environmental risks can make a positive contribution to environmental protection and improvement, addressing land contamination, instability and flood risk and providing for biodiversity, climate protection, improved air quality, soundscape and water resources benefits. Character The special characteristics of an area should be central to the design of a development. The layout, form, scale and visual appearance of a proposed development and its relationship to its surroundings are important planning considerations. A clear rationale behind the design decisions made, based on site and context analysis, a strong vision, performance requirements and design principles, should be sought throughout the development process and expr

Placemaking in Rural Areas The countryside is a dynamic and multi-purpose resource. In line with sustainable development and the national planning principles and in contributing towards placemaking outcomes, it must be conserved and, where possible, enhanced for the sake of its ecological, geological, physiographic, historical, archaeological, cultural and agricultural value and for its landscape and natural resources. The need to conserve these attributes should be balanced against the economic, social and recreational needs of local communities and visitors. Fostering adaptability and resilience will be a key aim for rural places in the face of the considerable challenge of maintaining the vibrancy of communities and availability of services as well as contributing to the Cohesive Communities well-being goal. This is coupled with ensuring the countryside is resilient to the impacts of climate change and plays a role in reducing the causes of climate change through the protection of carbon sinks and as a sustainable energy source in line with the Resilient Wales well-being goal.

Managing Settlement Form – Green Belts and Green Wedges Around towns and cities there may be a need to protect open land from development. This can be achieved through the identification of Green Belts and/or local designations, such as green wedges. Proposals for both Green Belts and green wedges must be soundly based and should only be employed where there is a demonstrable need to protect the urban form and alternative policy mechanisms, such as settlement boundaries, would not be sufficiently robust. The essential difference between them is that land within a Green Belt should be protected for a longer period than the relevant current development plan period, whereas green wedge policies should be reviewed as part of the development plan review process. The main aim of Green Belts is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.

A Resilient Wales is supported by protecting existing communities and natural environments while promoting well connected infrastructure and facilities closer to where people live. Good housing, access to services, green spaces and community facilities help to create the right conditions for better health and well-being.

The Planning Act introduced a statutory purpose for the planning system. Any statutory body carrying out a planning function must exercise those functions in accordance with the principles of sustainable development as defined

Well-being of Future Generations Act. The planning system is central to achieving sustainable development in Wales. It provides the legislative and policy framework to manage the use and development of land in the public interest so that it contributes positively to the achievement of the well-being goal

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This proposal is not inline with any of the Goals of the **Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents)

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What's more, the council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus. The propose Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council and therefore the access land is not surplus. It would therefore be unlawful for the council to dispose of it.

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- It is particularly concerning that Dawn Bowden MS has gushing comments about it in memory from her holiday spent in Queensland, New Zealand - it is easy to romanticise ideas when on a thrill/high on holiday, and ignore the realistic differences between two locations, Queensland, New Zealand and Swansea, Wales. This particular point feels like corruption. See an image of Queensland below. Queensland, New Zealand is the second most popular tourist destination in New Zealand next to Auckland, with an estimated one-million tourists to the area in 2019. In the same year, they estimate a similar number visited Wales - but the whole country, not a single city. Wales has far less international tourism Scotland and England, and therefore less happenstance foot-fall https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmwelaf/220/report.html#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20only%201.02%20million.more%20international%20visitors%20than%20Wales.)
- Queensland is a 'resort town'. It also happens to be where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and invites many tourists annual to visit the hobbit houses, which are still present and maintained. Queensland is also nicknamed 'the adventure capital of the world'. Can we please acknowledge here that Swansea is worlds' apart in terms of location and current tourism levels/pull. Most people don't visit Queensland to go to the Skyline Park. They go to Queensland for a myriad of other reasons, and there happens to be a Skyline facility there, which people use.
- The public are questioning whether this is the best use of public funds and are being ignored. We have seen cuts to the bus services, which many people are upset about, .and St Helen's stadium is requiring maintenance/renovation to bring to standard - an aspect of the city that can be a consistent income for tourism.
- Should the new Skypark project fail, or become a 'white elephant' it will be a rotting eyesore for the city to witness as Kilvey Hill can be directly observed all around the city.
- The current "funding" that both the Welsh Government (£4m) and Swansea Council (£8m) have somehow suddenly came into possession of after closing down schools and putting pressure on libraries and other suffering leisure facilities could be better spent elsewhere. There must be transparency around where this money is coming from and it made clear at what expense of other projects.
- The alleged report by Kada Research, a company specialising in writing business plans that 'win', that has claimed the profitable forecasted returns on the Skyline has not been shared with the main stakeholders involved (the People of the City and County of Swansea). Such reports that have such massive weight within any local business deal involving public money should be freely available for public scrutiny within any working democracy. This report however has not been shown to citizens - with particular frustration from those with the strongest feelings against the project.
- The hill is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill).
- Not all public footpaths have been recorded correctly. Quote from Open Spaces Society "[Swansea Council] have ignored the fact that much of Kilvey Hill is recorded as public-access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/countryside-and-rights-of-way-act-2000-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf), where people have the right to walk freely, and enjoy the expansive views over Swansea Bay. That freedom would be impaired by the development." "The society argues that the proposed development would have a devastating effect on Kilvey Hill, which is a special area, loved by local people and visitors for its opportunities for informal public access on foot, horseback, bike, and horse-drawn carriage." https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/
- Concern for Crymlyn Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest which will be downhill of this proposed construction and as a result will be impacted by the works.
- How much infrastructure will need to be put in place for a commercial facility of this nature, think sewers for toilets, electric cables for power. I've been told commercial facilities require much

different set to private houses. Think of the amount of human waste that will require pumping down the hill to the mains at the bottom.
- These plans were pre-covid. We now have a new found acknowledgment for the importance of nature within urban spaces generally as a society.
- There is very little transparency around this project or 'disposal' particularly around the length of time for lease. Some are suggesting the council are leasing it for 125 years to Skyline. This is not acceptable.
- Is Swansea council even allowed to do this? As a freedom of information request, who are the owners of Kilvey Hill, and do Swansea Council have the legal right to lease it.

Evidence of Community Opposition:

A petition recently held over 3,000 signatures from local residents who object to this development. The central concern highlighted in the petition is the allocation of public funds to a tourist attraction, particularly in a designated quiet area. The community voices strong opposition against utilising public resources for a project that threatens the tranquillity and traditional use of the designated quiet area and instead urges that public funds be directed towards projects that uphold the serene character of the area and serve the local residents' interests.

Impact Analysis

The proposed development threatens to disrupt the tranquillity of the designated quiet area, adversely affecting the residents, wildlife, and the activities at St. Thomas Bowling Green, and other areas of the Hill. As proposed, the continuous operation of the Sky Swing from morning to 11 PM poses a significant noise nuisance, fundamentally altering the quiet character of the area. This is just in reference to the Sky Swing, where additional noise is anticipated from the general attraction.

Alternative Suggestions:

We suggest exploring alternative locations for the proposed Sky Swing and general Skyline development that are not located within or near designated quiet areas or revising the operating hours to minimize noise disturbances during the quiet hours observed in the area.

Conclusion:

We strongly urge Swansea Council to consider the adverse impacts of the proposed development on the designated quiet area and the broader community. We would like to ask that the planning application [Application Number] for the Sky Swing development by Skyline Enterprises be denied, ensuring the preservation of the tranquility and integrity of the designated quiet area for the present and future generations.

Thank you very much for considering our objection. We're looking forward to engaging further in the planning process to ensure that the interests and well-being of the community are upheld.

See policy and supporting legal references overleaf.

Policy and legal references

There are several pieces of legislation that bring question to the current actions. These are included under the following:

1. Noise [Kilvey Hill - Designed Quiet Area, Welsh Government.
2. Well-being and environment needs of the community before development and profit
3. Lack of appropriate assessments, e.g. traffic and carbon footprint, environmental.
4. Disregard of green infrastructure

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This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

i) The Planning Policy Wales (Ed. 11, 2021)

ii) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)

iii) Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006)

iv) Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013)

v) Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)

vi) The Environment (Wales) Act (2016)

vii) Public Health (Wales) Act (2017)

viii) Environmental Protection Act (1990)

The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006) require our environmental noise action plans to identify "quiet areas in agglomerations" and aim to protect them against an increase in noise. The Welsh Ministers confirmed the designation of 63 quiet areas in agglomerations, with the agreement with the relevant local authorities, when drawing up the first national noise action plan for Wales in 2013. These designations remain in place following EU Exit. (Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028: gov.waleshttps://www.gov.wales › filesPDFNoise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028)

The Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf) articulates that"6.7.12 Planning authorities must consider current and future sources of air and noise pollution as part of developing their strategies for locating new development. The pattern of proposed development should be informed by the sensitivity of, and compatibility of, uses in relation to the sources of airborne pollution and the importance of ensuring appropriate soundscapes. Green infrastructure provision will be an important means of addressing the cumulative impacts of air and noise pollution and soundscapes on individuals and society and provide benefits for social and ecosystems resilience".

"6.7.18 Early consideration is required to ascertain whether the location and design of proposed development is acceptable where air pollution or noisegenerating development is likely to affect a protected species, or is proposed in an area likely to affect a statutorily designated site (such as Natura 2000 sites or SSSIs) or a tranquil urban green space (including but not limited to formally designated 'quiet areas') valued for the restorative respite and contact with nature that they offer to residents of busy towns and cities."

"6.7.25 Planning authorities should identify areas of cultural or historic importance to be given special consideration in terms of soundscape where this may be necessary to safeguard the vibrancy of places or provide tranquil, restorative environments within busy built-up areas. As well as this, it will be invaluable to identify synergies between the mapping of green infrastructure and the moderating effect the protection of, or provision of, green infrastructure may have in terms of maintaining good air quality and appropriate soundscapes. This will include, but is not limited to, protecting tranquillity, the role of tranquil green spaces such as the 'quiet areas' designated in noise action plans and the benefits of green infrastructure as part of good design."

"1. The planning system manages the development and use of land in the public interest, prioritising long term collective benefit, contributing to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It must reconcile the needs of development and conservation, securing economy, efficiency and amenity in the use of land, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and protecting, promoting, conserving and enhancing the built and historic environment."

One of the Key Planning Principles: "Fig 4. Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact. Natural, historic and cultural assets must be protected, promoted, conserved and

enhanced. Negative environmental impacts should be avoided in the wider public interest. This means acting in the long term to respect environmental limits and operating in an integrated way so that resources and/ or assets are not irreversibly damaged or depleted. The polluter pays principle applies where pollution cannot be prevented and applying the precautionary principle ensures cost effective measures to prevent environmental damage."

4.1.45 "Local authorities must adopt an integrated approach to traffic management. They should consider how different measures can complement one another and contribute to the achievement of wider planning and transport objectives, implementing the Active Travel Act (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/active-travel-act-guidance.pdf) and reducing exposure to air and noise pollution, taking into account the needs of the disabled and less mobile sections of the community."

4.1.56 "Planning applications for developments, including changes of use, falling into the categories identified in TAN 18: Transport27 must be accompanied by a Transport Assessment. In addition, in areas where the transport network is particularly sensitive, planning authorities should consider requiring Transport Assessments for developments which fall outside of the thresholds set out in TAN 18. Transport Assessments can be required for any proposed development if the planning authority considers that there is a justification or specific need. Transport Assessments provide the basis for negotiation on scheme details, including the level of parking, and measures to improve walking, cycling, and public transport access, as well as measures to limit or reduce levels of air and noise pollution. They should cover the transport impacts during the construction phase of the development, as well as when built and in use. Transport Assessments also provide an important basis for the preparation of Travel Plans. Further guidance on Transport Assessments and Travel Plans is contained in TAN 18."

Green Infrastructure 6.2.1 6.2.2 6.2.3 "Green infrastructure is the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. Component elements of green infrastructure can function at different scales. At the landscape scale green infrastructure can comprise entire ecosystems such as wetlands, waterways and mountain ranges. At a local scale, it might comprise parks, fields, public rights of way, allotments, cemeteries and gardens. At smaller scales, individual urban interventions such as street trees, hedgerows, roadside verges, and green roofs/walls can all contribute to green infrastructure networks.

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted) provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity between and within ecosystems and the extent, condition and connectivity of ecosystems and their ability to adapt. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty113. Green infrastructure is capable of providing several functions at the same time and as a result offers multiple benefits, for social, economic and cultural as well as environmental resilience. The components of green infrastructure, by improving the resilience of ecosystems, can result in positive benefits to well-being including f lood management, water purification, improved air quality, reduced noise pollution and local climate moderation, climate change mitigation and food production. These benefits are important in urban environments where they can facilitate health and well-being related benefits of open space, clean air and improved tranquility, for example, as well as creating a sense of place and improved social cohesion. In addition, green infrastructure has a role in protecting local distinctiveness, providing economic benefits and social and community opportunities."

Integrating Green Infrastructure and Development 6.2.4 6.2.5 131 "Green infrastructure plays a fundamental role in shaping places and our sense of well-being, and are intrinsic to the quality of the spaces we live, work and play in. The planning system should protect and enhance green infrastructure assets and networks because of these multi-functional roles. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity must be carefully considered as part of green infrastructure provision alongside the need to meet society's wider social and economic objectives and the needs of local communities. The multiple benefits that resilient ecosystems and green infrastructure offer to society, including the economic and social contribution they make to local areas, should be taken into account when balancing and improving these needs."

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Air Quality and Soundscape 6.7.1 6.7.2 "Clean air and an appropriate soundscape, contribute to a positive experience of place as well as being necessary for public health, amenity and well-being. They are indicators of local environmental quality and integral qualities of place which should be protected through preventative or proactive action through the planning system. Conversely, air, noise and light pollution can have negative effects on people, biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems and should be reduced as far as possible. 6.7.3 6.7.4 Certain sounds, such as those created by trees, birds or water features, can contribute to a sense of tranquillity whilst others can be reassuring as a consequence of their association with the normality of everyday activities. Problematic forms of sound are generally experienced as noise pollution and can affect amenity and be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Noise action plans146 drawn up by public bodies aim to prevent and reduce noise levels where necessary and preserve soundscape quality where it is good. Noise levels used to identify priority areas contained in noise action plans are usually set quite high in order to focus resources on the most polluted areas and noise must meet a number of tests before it qualifies as a statutory nuisance. Lower levels of noise, however, can still be annoying or disruptive and impact on amenity and as such should be protected through the planning process wherever necessary. The planning system must protect amenity and it is not acceptable to rely on statutory nuisance under the **Environmental Protection Act (1990)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents) to do so."

6.7.4 "Predicted levels of air and noise pollution on individuals, society and the environment and identify and pursue any opportunities to reduce, or at least, minimise population exposure to air and noise pollution, and improve soundscapes, where it is practical and feasible to do so."

6.7.5 "In taking forward these broad objectives the key planning policy principle is to consider the effects which proposed developments may have on air or soundscape quality and the effects which existing air or soundscape quality may have on proposed developments. Air Quality and soundscape influence choice of location and distribution of development and it will be important to consider the relationship of proposed development to existing development and its surrounding area and its potential to exacerbate or create poor air quality or inappropriate soundscapes. The agent of change principle says that a business or person responsible for introducing a change is responsible for managing that change. In practice, for example, this means a developer would have to ensure that solutions to address air quality or noise from nearby pre-existing infrastructure, businesses or venues can be found and implemented as part of ensuring development is acceptable."

7.7 6.7.8 To assist decision making it will be important that the most appropriate level of information is provided and it may be necessary for a technical air quality and noise assessment to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and competent person on behalf of the developer.

" National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes. Maximising Environmental Protection and Limiting Environmental Impact Resilient biodiversity and ecosystems Distinctive and special landscapes Integrated green infrastructure Appropriate soundscapes Reduces environmental risks Manages water resources naturally Clean air Reduces overall pollution Resilient to climate change Distinctive and special historic environments.

Placemaking - Distinctive & Natural Places Landscape / Coastal Areas / Historic Environment / Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity / Water, Air, Soundscape & Light / Flooding / De-risking

Environmental Considerations • will important features of the natural and built environment be protected and enhanced; • are the environ

Strategic and spatial conditions: includes considering the design of a development and its impacts upon everyday lives as well as thinking holistically about where people might live and work and which areas should be protected

Good design can help to ensure high environmental quality. Landscape and green infrastructure considerations are an integral part of the design process. Integrating green infrastructure is not limited to focusing on landscape and ecology, rather, consideration should be given to all features of the natural environment and how these function together to contribute toward the quality of places. This embraces the principles of 'ecosystems services' and sustainable management of natural resources where multiple benefits solution become an integral part of good design. In a similar manner, addressing environmental risks can make a positive contribution to environmental protection and improvement, addressing land

contamination, instability and flood risk and providing for biodiversity, climate protection, improved air quality, soundscape and water resources benefits. Character The special characteristics of an area should be central to the design of a development. The layout, form, scale and visual appearance of a proposed development and its relationship to its surroundings are important planning considerations. A clear rationale behind the design decisions made, based on site and context analysis, a strong vision, performance requirements and design principles, should be sought throughout the development process and expr

Placemaking in Rural Areas The countryside is a dynamic and multi-purpose resource. In line with sustainable development and the national planning principles and in contributing towards placemaking outcomes, it must be conserved and, where possible, enhanced for the sake of its ecological, geological, physiographic, historical, archaeological, cultural and agricultural value and for its landscape and natural resources. The need to conserve these attributes should be balanced against the economic, social and recreational needs of local communities and visitors. Fostering adaptability and resilience will be a key aim for rural places in the face of the considerable challenge of maintaining the vibrancy of communities and availability of services as well as contributing to the Cohesive Communities well-being goal. This is coupled with ensuring the countryside is resilient to the impacts of climate change and plays a role in reducing the causes of climate change through the protection of carbon sinks and as a sustainable energy source in line with the Resilient Wales well-being goal.

Managing Settlement Form – Green Belts and Green Wedges Around towns and cities there may be a need to protect open land from development. This can be achieved through the identification of Green Belts and/or local designations, such as green wedges. Proposals for both Green Belts and green wedges must be soundly based and should only be employed where there is a demonstrable need to protect the urban form and alternative policy mechanisms, such as settlement boundaries, would not be sufficiently robust. The essential difference between them is that land within a Green Belt should be protected for a longer period than the relevant current development plan period, whereas green wedge policies should be reviewed as part of the development plan review process. The main aim of Green Belts is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.

A Resilient Wales is supported by protecting existing communities and natural environments while promoting well connected infrastructure and facilities closer to where people live. Good housing, access to services, green spaces and community facilities help to create the right conditions for better health and well-being.

The Planning Act introduced a statutory purpose for the planning system. Any statutory body carrying out a planning function must exercise those functions in accordance with the principles of sustainable development as defined

Well-being of Future Generations Act. The planning system is central to achieving sustainable development in Wales. It provides the legislative and policy framework to manage the use and development of land in the public interest so that it contributes positively to the achievement of the well-being goal

The Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, has made a strong objection to plans to desecrate Kilvey Hill, east of Swansea. "Sacrificed for a vanity project" https://www.oss.org.uk/kilvey-hill-swansea-must-not-be-sacrificed-for-a-vanity-project/#:~:text=We%20have%20objected%20strongly%20to,sacrificed%20for%20a%20vanity%20project.' The recovery of nature is immensely important, so too is the recovery of people. The pandemic has shown the value of local spaces to health and well-being, but they need stronger laws and duties to protect them.'

This proposal is not inline with any of the Goals of the **Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents)

"The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change."

R219a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:08
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Comments	The damage to this beautiful forest that the disgraceful sky line will inflict, and that nobody needs and nobody wants ,is truly heartbreaking. Now more than ever we should be protecting our wild and natural places for all creatures now and in the future. No amount of money is worth the decimation it will cause. I object whole heartedly.

R 220a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:10
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Land disposal Notice

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Reference DVP-00274779/SAE

Dear Head of Property services

I wish to object to your proposal to dispose of land on Kilvey Hill.

You do not have the Legal requirements in place to dispose of this Land.

You do not have the justification to dispose of this land

The disposal will significantly reduce the Public access to the green space it provides currently.

Its designated status as a Quiet area overrides any future plans that you may have for this area.

The environmental impact your proposals will have on this area if it should go ahead are totally unforeseen and will devastate the area for years to come.

The proposal will seriously impact local residents denying them crucial outdoor access to recreational opportunities.

The wildlife will be seriously impacted by this adventure Park proposal with its concrete and Public numbers expected having
a major detrimental impact on this Quiet and peaceful area.

Yours Sincerely

A kilvey Hill resident for 46 years

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Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:15
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I strongly object to the proposed disposal of open space on Kilvey Hill. Lack of consultation and detail - notice omits 125 year length and should have included Bonymaen in the title. Financial insecurity of lease and loan arrangements should project fail financially. How secure is the tourism industry in South Wales - fashions change, cost of living and unexpected events - pandemics, an arrival of a protected species?? Restriction of access - informal paths not mentioned. Some land is open access land and that could be contrary to the CROW ACT 2000 (estimated 37% of current accessible space would be included). Environmental concerns - threats to SINC and Quiet space. Loss of biodiversity (noise, disturbance) Carbon Footprint. Impact on localities - well used for exercise and recreation by local individuals and groups - health and well being threatened in areas of deprivation. How can the Council ensure that the land would receive adequate monitoring for environmental protection.

R222a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 16:19
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Comments	To the Planning and City Regeneration / Swansea City Council / Local Planning Authority I am a concerned community member living in the Copper Quarter next to Kilvey Hill. I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the planning application for the Skyline Project. I strongly oppose the project due the destruction it will cause to local wildlife. Given that in 2019 the Welsh Government declared a climate emergency we need to prioritise protecting green and wild spaces. Furthermore, the state of nature report 2023 shows an alarming decline in British wildlife, with one in six species at risk of being lost. We

therefore need to protect the few truly wild spaces we have left before it's too late.

I have seen Little Owls on Kilvey hill and can hear them from my house at night. Unfortunately like many species they are in decline due to habitat loss. We need designated quiet areas like Kilvey Hill for them to thrive. They are one of many nocturnal species that live on the hill and which also be effected by light pollution from the Gondola towers that will be lit up 24 hours.

We must act now to save British Wildlife, the habitats they rely on, and to tackle climate chaos.

I am therefore asking you leave Kilvey Hill alone and give nature a chance to recover and flourish.

Please can you confirm receipt of this email and that it has been logged as an official objection.
Sincerely.

R 223a

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I would like to fiercely object to the intended disposal of land on Kilvey Hill
Having grown up in the local community, spent my childhood planting trees and building paths, through church and community groups on the hill. To see the councils plans for Skyline makes me so disappointed and angry, as do so many who have similar feelings.Why anyone would want to ruin 50+ years of regeneration of the hill is staggering ! In a time where this type of development is deemed unacceptable, by many people who really care about the wellbeing of the community, and holding on to wildlife habitat and quiet areas. It's very sad that local people haven't been listened to, about losing the jewel in Swansea's crown, to a cheap, (not in monetary terms) unsustainable gimmick. If the land is given up, we will see the hill turned into a noisy, soulless area, devoid of habitat and biodiversity, stillness for quiet contemplation and wellbeing.Is it worth that ? Skyline has it's place, but it doesn't belong on Kilvey Hill. Skyline need to go back home, this is our home, our Kilvey Hill. So

many people have spent their lives, making it the place it is today. Teachers, Vicars and the clergy, Community groups, University professors and conservators, Walkers, Cubs, Scouts and Guides, Photographers, Dog walkers, Runners, Historians, Mental health groups, Horse riders, and just ordinary members of the community.
Please, the Legacy of Kilvey is not Skyline. I hope these words reach careful consideration for the future, it matters so much.

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Kilvey Hill is an important site for wildlife. It is a fantastic community resource, and a brilliant place to go for mindfulness walks. After the incredibly hard work that the Lower Swansea Valley project put into making the hill inhabitable by wildlife it would be a travesty to turn it into cement.

Even your own website says this:

It is one of Swansea's largest urban fringe woodlands - which commands stunning views over the city and Swansea Bay. Look out for birds such as skylark, night jar, linnet, peregrine, redwing, song thrush, fieldfare, raven and whitethroat. The rare small blue butterfly has also been recorded at the site.

Look at how many species your actions would harm.

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Howard French

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To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments No to the skyline

R226a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 16:26
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I formally object to the proposed land disposal. It will have a significant detrimental effect on the people of Swansea through reduction in free to access open nature spaces. The proposed development will only allow access via payment and during the current fiscal issues being experienced by people free to access nature and open space is vital to mental health and wellbeing

R 227a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:27
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Comments	I object to plans to remove access to kilvey hill along the prehistoric tracks

R 228 a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:28
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Postcode	[redacted]
Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I strongly object to this proposal. Too much common land has been sold or disposed of for a "quick buck" to the detriment of the people and future generations. For shame on you Swansea.

R 229a
229

Howard French

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:32
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Public access please.

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I take great pleasure in using the kilvey hill area for exercise and dog walking. It's very wrong if you take the hill away from the citizens of Swansea. you are just seeing money not people.

R230a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:33
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments Im very concerned by reports that this proposed development will restrict the public's access to parts of kilvey hill. For as long as i can remember public access to the top of the hill - to enjoy its wondeful panoramic views - has never been restricted and im opposed to a development which means this age old right of people in swansea would no longer exist.

R231a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 16:33
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I'd like to put in writing my objection to the proposed disposal. Kilvey hill is a wildlife sanctuary of a type rarely seen in such close proximity to a city. The proposed destruction and construction will cause havoc to the local wildlife populations whilst cutting off access during this time to green spaces used by the local people. This is an abhorrent use of tax payer money where funds could be used to a much better purpose ensuring a clean and tidy Swansea that we could be proud of.

R 232a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 16:34
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I am totally against any disposal of land on Kilvey Hill. I hear the Council does not even own this land. Kilvey Volunteers have spent decades recovering it from its industrial past and working with so many local people to create the green haven it is today. And it is only going to get better, bio diversity is increasing, eg new types of trees (which previously could not grow in the polluted soils) are now being spotted and a rich spectrum of insects and animals are being recorded. The areas around the hill are in the most deprived of Swansea, many without gardens of their own. Kilvey Hill provides a green haven of peace and quiet, great for counteracting both mental and physical illness. The Council should be doing more to encourage social prescription usage of the hill rather than destroying it. I don't believe the noise levels of the proposed Kilvey development have been explored properly and can only imagine how disruptive it will be for the locals day in day out. What

about the access routes that are being enjoyed at the moment? Just because they may not be registered by law, local people have enjoyed them for generations. Why can't Swansea Council actually think about the people it is supposedly serving, rather than chasing some vanity project, that is
probably lining a few people's back pockets along the way. I would much rather see local people enjoying the hill in its natural state, riding horses, cycling, walking, attending workshops, chilling in the round house, playing hide and seek and other games etc than some tourists coming for a one off thrill, when it is actually dry enough to use. How many weeks of the year will it actually be open due to weather? I wish Swansea Council would wake up to the fact that we are in the midst of a climate crisis! This not the time to be covering green spaces in concrete and destroying eco systems. We have far more serious things to be putting time and money into than some adventure scheme that the people of Swansea were given no real choice in. The consultation process was a joke. What is going to happen to all the schools and community groups that use the hill? Many many people love Kilvey Hill and in my opinion the Council should keep their sticky fingers off it! Unless they are going to do some good there such as work with local groups to make the Hill even better, eg help locals develop horse riding trails, increase the use of school and forest schools, increase use of social prescription. I am looking forward to the People's Assembly to focus on the question of "what would you like to see on your Kilvey Hill"?

R233a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:39
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Ref number: DVP-00274779/SAE

Comments

Hi,

I strongly object to this lease being granted. On what is a green site! With no public referendum this should not be considered. It's is unlikely to bring much to the loca economy.

R234a

Howard French

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to Swansea Council disposing of open space land. The land in question forms part of an area described by the Council as "… a community woodland managed by the Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers…. A young woodland and a refuge for wildlife in the city, incorporating a variety of habitats including woodland, heathland, wetland and meadow. It is one of Swansea's largest urban fringe woodlands - which commands stunning views over the city and Swansea Bay. Look out for birds such as skylark, night jar, linnet, peregrine, redwing, song thrush, fieldfare, raven and whitethroat. The rare small blue butterfly has also been recorded at the site. Kilvey Community Woodland is a very special area… [and a] Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill)."

It has taken 60 years to improve the natural environment on Kilvey hill and the resulting site is now hugely important to the local community and wildlife. This application could potentially reverse all of that hard work and the resultant adverse impact on biodiversity and ecosystems would contravene the requirements of environmental protection policies.

The site is also within a designated Quiet Area, which Swansea Council recognises "are tranquil public places valued by the local community". The Council makes a commitment to managing noise through the planning process and particularly the need to "take … quiet areas, and other tranquil urban green space into consideration when a noise-sensitive or noise-generating development is proposed." The proposed Skyline project would totally destroy the Quiet Area and derived community benefits; and would contradict the Urban Planning and Land Use Policies, which are designed to preserve the character of such areas.

There has been questions whether the Council actually owns the land or if it intends to squat on the site before leasing it. Surely this is illegal?

Any future large-scale development such as this can surely only be accepted if it helps implement the objectives of the Paris Climate Change Agreement. If not, then it is considered that lip-service only is being paid to the commitments made in the Council's Climate Change and Nature Strategy 2022-2030 report. This proposal does nothing to help secure these critical targets and the total carbon calculation for the whole life of the project must be immense. Rather than implement measures to actually cut greenhouse gas emissions (which need to be cut by 43% by 2030 in order to try and avoid the worst impacts of climate change), Skyline will - if allowed - be responsible for the introduction of an estimated 20,000 tonnes of concrete and supporting infrastructure, which would have a devastating and long-term adverse impact on the area.

For these reasons - and many more - I object to the proposed disposal of open space land.

R235a

Howard French

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Comments

I work in Swansea and specifically with Kilvey Woodland Volunteers.
I am concerned with the adverse affect on public access to local people.
Registration of public rights of way should be registered to safeguard access to the community.
Disposal of kilvey land in this proposal will destroy the Designated Quiet Area, disrupt and harm the wildlife contributing to urban biodiversity, which is being prioritised by the Council. Also the environmental impact CO2 emissions released once disposal occurs and development is built.
I have Legal and procedural conerns, this land is not surplus to requirements of Council. Local groups and people use the hill and disposal of a large tract of land will harm the usage, deprive locals of full use of all kilvey hill paths and wild areas that exist today.
Wellbeing of future genetations act, CROW ACT and CAT policy of council have not been objectively considered in this case and require further consideration.

2356

Public engagement and consultation have not been adequate and need more time and resources to implement. Sizable objection to the plans must be considered at length.
A 100 YEAR LEASE TO BE GIVEN TO AN INTERNATIONAL COMPANY IS NOT BEST VALUE FOR THE PUBLIC PURSE. This lease must be rigorously discussed and public engagement efeectively set up to allow all sections of swansea community in person to have their views incorporated in decision making. Up to now this is not evident and severely lacking in the decisision to pursue an asset transfer to Skyline.

R236a

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R237a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Comments	I object to the disposal of this open space on Kilvey Hill. This space has been invaluable for recreation and exercise for many years. It is also a special place for flora and fauna. The loss of the space will be to the detriment of all the current users. The case for a zip wire has not been made convincingly.

R 238a

Howard French

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Comments	I object to the disposal of the open space at Kilvey Hill as I believe that the Council have not provided a clear justification for this disposal, particularly considering the land's designation under historical acts that protect public spaces. The absence of a detailed rationale in the public notice raises concerns about transparency and adherence to legal requirements. Kilvey Hill is designated as Open Access Land under the CRoW Act, vital for local recreation and biodiversity. Any development could restrict public access and impact rights of way, requiring thorough environmental and public rights assessments—details not sufficiently referenced in the disposal notice. The proposed development could adversely affect the area's ecological balance and quiet area status, undermining the community's health and well-being. The need for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment is paramount, as is a comprehensive Noise Impact Assessment and Light

Pollution Assessment of the proposed development, from within and outside the development and Designated Quiet Space area.

R 239a

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the disposal of the land on Kilvey Hill.

R240a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:44
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments I object to the closing of this open space on Kilvey Hill as this needs to be retained as a green area. We don't need a cable car or any other sort of development here and it will only end up going to same way as the ski slope by Morrison's went

R241a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:46
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Comments

I am shocked that Swansea Council is proposing to sell off land belonging to the people of Swansea. I strongly object to this proposal particularly at a time of climate change when there is a need to protect open spaces for nature and for people to enjoy. This is an area used by many people for walking etc and should be protected. Selling off such land would be criminal and against the interests of the residents of Swansea and wider area. Swansea should be protecting its wild areas and especially this unique urban location . Please do not proceed with this outrageous proposal and instead work with local people to enhance this beautiful natural space to increase biodiversity and protect the right to ramble

R242a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:46
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Fwd: Opposition to 'disposal' of land at Kilvey Hill DVP-00274779/SAE

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kilveyhill.posn@swansea.gov.uk

The Council of the City and County of Swansea,

Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road,

Swansea.

SA1 3SN

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Development by Skyline Enterprises in Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai.

242b

Dear Head of Property Services,

I am writing to object to the current proposal of 'disposal of land' on Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai, reference "Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE"). At the same time, this objection extends to any planning applications submitted by Skyline International Ltd to Swansea Council under the proposals to build a tourist attraction leisure park on top of Kilvey Hill.

The reasons for this objection are many-fold but include the following:.

- Wildlife preservation (species of birds, animals, trees, disruption of natural habitats).
- Preservation of green open spaces
- Kilvey Hill is one of our nation's Designated Quiet Areas [preemptive complaint of noise pollution from construction and function of facility].
- Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, founded in 1865 condemns the plans for Swansea Skyline project (https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/)
- The resulting impact on the landscape of Swansea as a city, and the ongoing impact of such construction works and how this will very likely impact traffic and put more strain on already-heavy traffic areas of the city.
- The potential loss of Landore Park and Ride facilities
- The likely abandonment of the project when profits are not realised and the remnants of the structures that will be left as an eyesore seen around the city 360*.
- The impact on the city's carbon footprint and the additional predicted load of 12,000+ cars.
- The goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act promoting community, environment and equality regardless of circumstance.
- Being that Kilvey Hill is a large open space in our immediate urban environment, it's a green space that can be accessed on foot by the city's residents, many of whom might be limited to travel due to socioeconomic reasons.
- The current proposals do not sit with the Planning Framework for Wales and appears more as a vanity project.
- It is particularly concerning that Dawn Bowden MS has gushing comments about it in memory from her holiday spent in Queensland, New Zealand - it is easy to romanticise ideas when on a thrill/high on holiday, and ignore the realistic differences between two locations, Queensland, New Zealand and Swansea, Wales. This particular point feels like corruption. See an image of Queensland below. Queensland, New Zealand is the second most popular tourist destination in New Zealand next to Auckland, with an estimated one-million tourists to the area in 2019. In the same year, they estimate a similar number visited Wales - but the whole country, not a single city. Wales has far less international tourism Scotland and England, and therefore less happenstance foot-fall https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmwelaf/220/report.html#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20only%201.02%20million,more%20international%20visitors%20than%20Wales.)
- Queensland is a 'resort town'. It also happens to be where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and invites many tourists annual to visit the hobbit houses, which are still present and maintained. Queensland is also nicknamed 'the adventure capital of the world'. Can we please acknowledge here that Swansea is worlds' apart in terms of location and current tourism levels/pull. Most people don't visit Queensland to go to the Skyline Park. They go to Queensland for a myriad of other reasons, and there happens to be a Skyline facility there, which people use.
- The public are questioning whether this is the best use of public funds and are being ignored. We have seen cuts to the bus services, which many people are upset about, .and St Helen's stadium is requiring maintenance/renovation to bring to standard - an aspect of the city that can be a consistent income for tourism.
- Should the new Skypark project fail, or become a 'white elephant' it will be a rotting eyesore for the city to witness as Kilvey Hill can be directly observed all around the city.
- The current "funding" that both the Welsh Government (£4m) and Swansea Council (£8m) have somehow suddenly came into possession of after closing down schools and putting pressure on libraries and other suffering leisure facilities could be better spent elsewhere. There must be transparency around where this money is coming from and it made clear at what expense of other projects.
- The alleged report by Kada Research, a company specialising in writing business plans that 'win', that has claimed the profitable forecasted returns on the Skyline has not been shared with the main stakeholders involved (the People of the City and County of Swansea). Such reports that have such

massive weight within any local business deal involving public money should be freely available for public scrutiny within any working democracy. This report however has not been shown to citizens - with particular frustration from those with the strongest feelings against the project.

- The hill is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill).
- Not all public footpaths have been recorded correctly. Quote from Open Spaces Society "[Swansea Council] have ignored the fact that much of Kilvey Hill is recorded as public-access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/countryside-and-rights-of-way-act-2000-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf), where people have the right to walk freely, and enjoy the expansive views over Swansea Bay. That freedom would be impaired by the development." "The society argues that the proposed development would have a devastating effect on Kilvey Hill, which is a special area, loved by local people and visitors for its opportunities for informal public access on foot, horseback, bike, and horse-drawn carriage." https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/
- Concern for Crymlyn Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest which will be downhill of this proposed construction and as a result will be impacted by the works.
- How much infrastructure will need to be put in place for a commercial facility of this nature, think sewers for toilets, electric cables for power. I've been told commercial facilities require much different set to private houses. Think of the amount of human waste that will require pumping down the hill to the mains at the bottom.
- These plans were pre-covid. We now have a new found acknowledgment for the importance of nature within urban spaces generally as a society.
- There is very little transparency around this project or 'disposal' particularly around the length of time for lease. Some are suggesting the council are leasing it for 125 years to Skyline. This is not acceptable.
- Is Swansea council even allowed to do this? As a freedom of information request, who are the owners of Kilvey Hill, and do Swansea Council have the legal right to lease it.

Evidence of Community Opposition:

A petition recently held over 3,000 signatures from local residents who object to this development. The central concern highlighted in the petition is the allocation of public funds to a tourist attraction, particularly in a designated quiet area. The community voices strong opposition against utilising public resources for a project that threatens the tranquillity and traditional use of the designated quiet area and instead urges that public funds be directed towards projects that uphold the serene character of the area and serve the local residents' interests.

Impact Analysis

The proposed development threatens to disrupt the tranquillity of the designated quiet area, adversely affecting the residents, wildlife, and the activities at St. Thomas Bowling Green, and other areas of the Hill. As proposed, the continuous operation of the Sky Swing from morning to 11 PM poses a significant noise nuisance, fundamentally altering the quiet character of the area. This is just in reference to the Sky Swing, where additional noise is anticipated from the general attraction.

Alternative Suggestions:

We suggest exploring alternative locations for the proposed Sky Swing and general Skyline development that are not located within or near designated quiet areas or revising the operating hours to minimize noise disturbances during the quiet hours observed in the area.

Conclusion:

We strongly urge Swansea Council to consider the adverse impacts of the proposed development on the designated quiet area and the broader community. We would like to ask that the planning application [Application Number] for the Sky Swing development by Skyline Enterprises be denied, ensuring the preservation of the tranquility and integrity of the designated quiet area for the present and future generations.

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Thank you very much for considering our objection. We're looking forward to engaging further in the planning process to ensure that the interests and well-being of the community are upheld.

Sincerely,

[Your Name/Your Group's Name]

Planning application Numbers: Ref. No: 2023/1748/FUL

2022/2986/SCR

Disposal reference: (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE")

See policy and supporting legal references overleaf.

Policy and legal references

There are several pieces of legislation that bring question to the current actions. These are included under the following:

1. Noise [Kilvey Hill - Designed Quiet Area, Welsh Government.
2. Well-being and environment needs of the community before development and profit
3. Lack of appropriate assessments, e.g. traffic and carbon footprint, environmental.
4. Disregard of green infrastructure

This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

i) The Planning Policy Wales (Ed. 11, 2021)

ii) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)

iii) Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006)

iv) Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013)

v) Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)

vi) The Environment (Wales) Act (2016)

vii) Public Health (Wales) Act (2017)

viii) Environmental Protection Act (1990)

The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006) require our environmental noise action plans to identify "quiet areas in agglomerations" and aim to protect them against an increase in noise. The Welsh Ministers confirmed the designation of 63 quiet areas in agglomerations, with the agreement with the relevant local authorities, when drawing up the first national noise action plan for Wales in 2013. These designations remain in place following EU Exit. (Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028: gov.waleshttps://www.gov.wales › filesPDFNoise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028)

The Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf) articulates that"6.7.12 Planning authorities must consider current and future sources of air and noise pollution as part of developing their strategies for locating new

development. The pattern of proposed development should be informed by the sensitivity of, and compatibility of, uses in relation to the sources of airborne pollution and the importance of ensuring appropriate soundscapes. Green infrastructure provision will be an important means of addressing the cumulative impacts of air and noise pollution and soundscapes on individuals and society and provide benefits for social and ecosystems resilience".

"6.7.18 Early consideration is required to ascertain whether the location and design of proposed development is acceptable where air pollution or noisegenerating development is likely to affect a protected species, or is proposed in an area likely to affect a statutorily designated site (such as Natura 2000 sites or SSSIs) or a tranquil urban green space (including but not limited to formally designated 'quiet areas') valued for the restorative respite and contact with nature that they offer to residents of busy towns and cities."

"6.7.25 Planning authorities should identify areas of cultural or historic importance to be given special consideration in terms of soundscape where this may be necessary to safeguard the vibrancy of places or provide tranquil, restorative environments within busy built-up areas. As well as this, it will be invaluable to identify synergies between the mapping of green infrastructure and the moderating effect the protection of, or provision of, green infrastructure may have in terms of maintaining good air quality and appropriate soundscapes. This will include, but is not limited to, protecting tranquillity, the role of tranquil green spaces such as the 'quiet areas' designated in noise action plans and the benefits of green infrastructure as part of good design."

"1. The planning system manages the development and use of land in the public interest, prioritising long term collective benefit, contributing to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It must reconcile the needs of development and conservation, securing economy, efficiency and amenity in the use of land, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and protecting, promoting, conserving and enhancing the built and historic environment."

One of the Key Planning Principles: "Fig 4. Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact. Natural, historic and cultural assets must be protected, promoted, conserved and enhanced. Negative environmental impacts should be avoided in the wider public interest. This means acting in the long term to respect environmental limits and operating in an integrated way so that resources and/ or assets are not irreversibly damaged or depleted. The polluter pays principle applies where pollution cannot be prevented and applying the precautionary principle ensures cost effective measures to prevent environmental damage."

4.1.45 "Local authorities must adopt an integrated approach to traffic management. They should consider how different measures can complement one another and contribute to the achievement of wider planning and transport objectives, implementing the Active Travel Act (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/active-travel-act-guidance.pdf) and reducing exposure to air and noise pollution, taking into account the needs of the disabled and less mobile sections of the community."

4.1.56 "Planning applications for developments, including changes of use, falling into the categories identified in TAN 18: Transport27 must be accompanied by a Transport Assessment. In addition, in areas where the transport network is particularly sensitive, planning authorities should consider requiring Transport Assessments for developments which fall outside of the thresholds set out in TAN 18. Transport Assessments can be required for any proposed development if the planning authority considers that there is a justification or specific need. Transport Assessments provide the basis for negotiation on scheme details, including the level of parking, and measures to improve walking, cycling, and public transport access, as well as measures to limit or reduce levels of air and noise pollution. They should cover the transport impacts during the construction phase of the development, as well as when built and in use. Transport Assessments also provide an important basis for the preparation of Travel Plans. Further guidance on Transport Assessments and Travel Plans is contained in TAN 18."

Green Infrastructure 6.2.1 6.2.2 6.2.3 "Green infrastructure is the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. Component elements of green infrastructure can function at different scales. At the landscape scale green infrastructure can comprise entire ecosystems such as wetlands, waterways and mountain ranges. At a local scale, it might comprise parks, fields, public rights of way, allotments, cemeteries and gardens. At smaller scales,

individual urban interventions such as street trees, hedgerows, roadside verges, and green roofs/walls can all contribute to green infrastructure networks.

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted) provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity between and within ecosystems and the extent, condition and connectivity of ecosystems and their ability to adapt. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty113. Green infrastructure is capable of providing several functions at the same time and as a result offers multiple benefits, for social, economic and cultural as well as environmental resilience. The components of green infrastructure, by improving the resilience of ecosystems, can result in positive benefits to well-being including f lood management, water purification, improved air quality, reduced noise pollution and local climate moderation, climate change mitigation and food production. These benefits are important in urban environments where they can facilitate health and well-being related benefits of open space, clean air and improved tranquility, for example, as well as creating a sense of place and improved social cohesion. In addition, green infrastructure has a role in protecting local distinctiveness, providing economic benefits and social and community opportunities."

Integrating Green Infrastructure and Development 6.2.4 6.2.5 131 "Green infrastructure plays a fundamental role in shaping places and our sense of well-being, and are intrinsic to the quality of the spaces we live, work and play in. The planning system should protect and enhance green infrastructure assets and networks because of these multi-functional roles. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity must be carefully considered as part of green infrastructure provision alongside the need to meet society's wider social and economic objectives and the needs of local communities. The multiple benefits that resilient ecosystems and green infrastructure offer to society, including the economic and social contribution they make to local areas, should be taken into account when balancing and improving these needs."

Air Quality and Soundscape 6.7.1 6.7.2 "Clean air and an appropriate soundscape, contribute to a positive experience of place as well as being necessary for public health, amenity and well-being. They are indicators of local environmental quality and integral qualities of place which should be protected through preventative or proactive action through the planning system. Conversely, air, noise and light pollution can have negative effects on people, biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems and should be reduced as far as possible. 6.7.3 6.7.4 Certain sounds, such as those created by trees, birds or water features, can contribute to a sense of tranquillity whilst others can be reassuring as a consequence of their association with the normality of everyday activities. Problematic forms of sound are generally experienced as noise pollution and can affect amenity and be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Noise action plans146 drawn up by public bodies aim to prevent and reduce noise levels where necessary and preserve soundscape quality where it is good. Noise levels used to identify priority areas contained in noise action plans are usually set quite high in order to focus resources on the most polluted areas and noise must meet a number of tests before it qualifies as a statutory nuisance. Lower levels of noise, however, can still be annoying or disruptive and impact on amenity and as such should be protected through the planning process wherever necessary. The planning system must protect amenity and it is not acceptable to rely on statutory nuisance under the **Environmental Protection Act (1990)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents) to do so."

6.7.4 "Predicted levels of air and noise pollution on individuals, society and the environment and identify and pursue any opportunities to reduce, or at least, minimise population exposure to air and noise pollution, and improve soundscapes, where it is practical and feasible to do so."

6.7.5 "In taking forward these broad objectives the key planning policy principle is to consider the effects which proposed developments may have on air or soundscape quality and the effects which existing air or soundscape quality may have on proposed developments. Air Quality and soundscape influence choice of location and distribution of development and it will be important to consider the relationship of proposed development to existing development and its surrounding area and its potential to exacerbate or create poor air quality or inappropriate soundscapes. The agent of change principle says that a business or person responsible for introducing a change is responsible for managing that change. In practice, for example, this means a developer would have to ensure that solutions to address air quality or noise from

nearby pre-existing infrastructure, businesses or venues can be found and implemented as part of ensuring development is acceptable."

7.7 6.7.8 To assist decision making it will be important that the most appropriate level of information is provided and it may be necessary for a technical air quality and noise assessment to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and competent person on behalf of the developer.

" National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes. Maximising Environmental Protection and Limiting Environmental Impact Resilient biodiversity and ecosystems Distinctive and special landscapes Integrated green infrastructure Appropriate soundscapes Reduces environmental risks Manages water resources naturally Clean air Reduces overall pollution Resilient to climate change Distinctive and special historic environments.

Placemaking - Distinctive & Natural Places Landscape / Coastal Areas / Historic Environment / Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity / Water, Air, Soundscape & Light / Flooding / De-risking

Environmental Considerations • will important features of the natural and built environment be protected and enhanced; • are the environ

Strategic and spatial conditions: includes considering the design of a development and its impacts upon everyday lives as well as thinking holistically about where people might live and work and which areas should be protected

Good design can help to ensure high environmental quality. Landscape and green infrastructure considerations are an integral part of the design process. Integrating green infrastructure is not limited to focusing on landscape and ecology, rather, consideration should be given to all features of the natural environment and how these function together to contribute toward the quality of places. This embraces the principles of 'ecosystems services' and sustainable management of natural resources where multiple benefits solution become an integral part of good design. In a similar manner, addressing environmental risks can make a positive contribution to environmental protection and improvement, addressing land contamination, instability and flood risk and providing for biodiversity, climate protection, improved air quality, soundscape and water resources benefits. Character The special characteristics of an area should be central to the design of a development. The layout, form, scale and visual appearance of a proposed development and its relationship to its surroundings are important planning considerations. A clear rationale behind the design decisions made, based on site and context analysis, a strong vision, performance requirements and design principles, should be sought throughout the development process and expr

Placemaking in Rural Areas The countryside is a dynamic and multi-purpose resource. In line with sustainable development and the national planning principles and in contributing towards placemaking outcomes, it must be conserved and, where possible, enhanced for the sake of its ecological, geological, physiographic, historical, archaeological, cultural and agricultural value and for its landscape and natural resources. The need to conserve these attributes should be balanced against the economic, social and recreational needs of local communities and visitors. Fostering adaptability and resilience will be a key aim for rural places in the face of the considerable challenge of maintaining the vibrancy of communities and availability of services as well as contributing to the Cohesive Communities well-being goal. This is coupled with ensuring the countryside is resilient to the impacts of climate change and plays a role in reducing the causes of climate change through the protection of carbon sinks and as a sustainable energy source in line with the Resilient Wales well-being goal.

Managing Settlement Form – Green Belts and Green Wedges Around towns and cities there may be a need to protect open land from development. This can be achieved through the identification of Green Belts and/or local designations, such as green wedges. Proposals for both Green Belts and green wedges must be soundly based and should only be employed where there is a demonstrable need to protect the urban form and alternative policy mechanisms, such as settlement boundaries, would not be sufficiently robust. The essential difference between them is that land within a Green Belt should be protected for a longer period than the relevant current development plan period, whereas green wedge policies should be reviewed as part of the development plan review process. The main aim of Green Belts is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.

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A Resilient Wales is supported by protecting existing communities and natural environments while promoting well connected infrastructure and facilities closer to where people live. Good housing, access to services, green spaces and community facilities help to create the right conditions for better health and well-being.

The Planning Act introduced a statutory purpose for the planning system. Any statutory body carrying out a planning function must exercise those functions in accordance with the principles of sustainable development as defined

Well-being of Future Generations Act. The planning system is central to achieving sustainable development in Wales. It provides the legislative and policy framework to manage the use and development of land in the public interest so that it contributes positively to the achievement of the well-being goal

The Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, has made a strong objection to plans to desecrate Kilvey Hill, east of Swansea. "Sacrificed for a vanity project" https://www.oss.org.uk/kilvey-hill-swansea-must-not-be-sacrificed-for-a-vanity-project/#:~:text=We%20have%20objected%20strongly%20to,sacrificed%20for%20a%20vanity%20project.' The recovery of nature is immensely important, so too is the recovery of people. The pandemic has shown the value of local spaces to health and well-being, but they need stronger laws and duties to protect them.'

This proposal is not inline with any of the Goals of the **Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents)

"The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change."

R 243 a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 16:47
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the development plan, to the disposal of open space at Kilvey hill. This will be detrimental to both wildlife and the freedom of people to roam.

R244a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:48
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Open space Kilvey Hill

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I wish to vehemently object to this. There is a glaring and obvious failure to properly asses the issues. The absence of a comprehensive assessment of the long-term economic viability of this venture by Skyline, especial in the context of their ludicrously inflated projected visitor numbers.
There is a conspicuous dearth of attention to detail in the notice behind this as it omits the critical 125-year duration and overlooks the involvement of Bonymaen in the title,

The whole idea suggests inherent climate breakdown denialism, where the fact may appear to be acknowledged but the reality is denied. This reality is that we should not be encouraging large scale leisure developments dependent on car journeys with the consequent carbon emissions. It is a a vanity project bereft of financial underpinning and stands as an unsustainable, business-as-usual endeavour that ought to have been discarded in the wake of Swansea Council and the Welsh Government declaring a "climate emergency."

There seems to be a complete failure to acknowledge as part of this process the biodiversity duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. There are serious environmental apprehensions surface in this project, encompassing threats to Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and quiet spaces. The potential loss of biodiversity due to noise and disturbance, coupled with the project's carbon footprint, adds to the ecological considerations

There is an inherent lack of fairness in the councils actions, being seduced by monitory considerations into betraying the people it supposedly serves, whilst acting as judge and ury in its own case.

R 245a

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I am very concerned at the size of the area the council proposes to relinquish and the fac that it includes the vast majority of the upper reaches of the hill which is the area I enjoy most for recreation. This is public land and a quality area for walking and connecting with nature, such areas are in short supply so close to the city and I ting the council should retain the land and work on improving access without damaging the ecosystem

R246a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the disposal of this land based on many reasons, but the following In a time of environmental crisis it seems socially irresponsible to risk one of Swansea's few remaining green spaces for capital gain, that when looking at all the evidence has a high risk of failure and environmental damage to the local area and it's natural beauty. Not to mention the imposition on the rights of local people to use this wild space to better their mental and physical wellbeing, to be replaced by something that many in the area won't be able to afford to use more than once in a blue moon.

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We live in a time where we make a choice to focus on the betterment of our environment for our children and future generations, or to choose temporary fiscal opportunities that risk exactly that.

Although I have recently moved away from Swansea for personal reasons it will always be my home and I hope that I can be proud of that fact with the actions of it's Council when making this decision.

R247a

Howard French

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:56
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal - DVP-00274779/SAE

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Dear Tracey Meredith and/or Head of Property Services,

Re: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal - DVP-00274779/SAE

I am writing to register my strong and utter OBJECTION to the proposed disposal of part of an open space on land known as Kilvey Hill. (KILVEY HILL, ST THOMAS, SWANSEA, SA1 8ED as per the notice.)

There has been no consultation with the public on this proposed land disposal.

The notice does not and the council have not explained how this land is surplus to requirements to be eligible for disposal.

In fact, the land, as it is, is of immense public benefit to all the local communities surrounding the hill, especially those within 1.5 miles, with:

- It being part of Swansea Urban Woodland, a designated Quiet Area.
- There being many, as yet unrecorded, public routes over this land consisting of footpaths and bridleways, which are enjoyed by local horse-riders, cyclists (mountain bikers) and trail runners.
- People walking / running / etc. to the top of the hill, and using the hill do so not just for the views over the bay but also to peacefully enjoy the woodland and natural open spaces, and sit on the Quakers Seat at the top of the hill or the old windmill foundations within a natural setting. It's the experience of the large expanse of undeveloped open space / grassland at the top of the hill and large expanse of woodland that people seek out for enjoyment and for their mental health that Swansea is so fortunate to have on its doorstep.
- It being accessible on foot / by bike from the city centre and people in many of Swansea's local neighbourhoods within a mile (or more) of the hill where people in central and east Swansea are able to benefit from its free open access, especially the parts designated as access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- Its natural regeneration of the woodland with deciduous trees taking over from pine trees provides carbon sequestration and increasing unique ecology (with wider connections to surrounding areas such as the Tawe corridor) greatly benefiting the local environment, the people of Swansea and us all in south Wales and beyond.
- Kilvey Hill being greatly valued by the people of the east side of Swansea, and it is their only major nature space for them where people do not have to drive in order to explore it. It became an important woodland and open space sanctuary for people during the Covid pandemic and has remained so ever since - as it is now - without any buildings (outside of the site housing the transmitters hidden behind trees) at the top of the hill. With open natural grassland and heathland stretching into the distance rather than being concreted over.

Much of this would be lost, and/or severely diminished under the control of a private company leasing the land and by the attempted development of a leisure facility by Skyline Swansea Ltd (or any other company which may obtain a lease should the proposed disposal or a similar such disposal go ahead).

- People seeking solace and the quietness of such a large, open nature space or woodland away from the city would be unable to continue to quietly enjoy doing so.
- People would no longer be able to sit on the Quakers Seat at the top of the hill or the old windmill foundations within a natural setting in order to enjoy the views over Swansea bay and beyond.
- Any development on the hill would necessitate:
    - the restriction of where people can access due to the placement of buildings and infrastructure,
    - the loss of existing footpaths (whether recorded or not), and
    - the loss of unrestricted open access to the land currently enjoyed by people and that has been so for generations.
- Any development on the hill would no doubt ultimately necessitate ugly and restrictive security fencing under the guise of security restricting existing use of the hill by the public.
- Natural grassland would be lost and concreted over, and areas of woodland would be lost at a detriment to the local environment and local people's enjoyment of Kilvey Hill.
- An expensive leisure development, unaffordable for anything more than occasional use by local people (especially after the first year of any local usage incentives expire) would negatively impact on local people's physical and mental health. They would no longer regularly access (if at all) the top of the hill and the developed areas (knowing what was lost) when seeking the quiet, outdoor nature of the remaining area. They would no longer have the expanse of open space with the views at the top of the hill for their mental health. And indeed there will no doubt be those whose mental health will deteriorate at the loss of the existing nature space and the loss of amenity it currently provides to local people.

Given such losses (along with many others not listed) would cause a massive detriment to many local communities surrounding Kilvey Hill, the proposed land disposal would contradict and go against the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The notice does explain or justify how such a land disposal would be of benefit to the surrounding local communities at all, let alone in a way that would supposedly make up for any of these losses.

Access for people with disabilities and/or those who are unable to make their way up or over the hill independently without assistance could be provided for in a far less destructive way than building an entire leisure facility.

So any claimed improved access provided by a leisure development for one group of people is not worth the total destruction of the very nature (figuratively and literally) and essence of much of Kilvey Hill for everyone else. Neither would I, should I age sufficiently to fall into that category - as one of those people, wish to witness such destruction just so I could (continue to) access the hill in any later life. And indeed any such leisure development as proposed by Skyline Swansea Ltd would be to the detriment of those locally with mental health issues such as anxiety and stress who seek out being on the hill for their everyday well-being away from (busy) urban areas.

Whilst those who need assistance would be able to have greater access to the views from the top, they too would no longer be able to experience the very nature of the place as it exists today, the quietness (without any development), the large expanse of natural open grassland at the top and existing areas of woodland that would be lost for them too. The very nature and essence of the place would be lost.

Instead, improving access for those people (and indeed everyone) by the improvement / upgrading of certain main footpaths (to leave the natural nature of others) and the running of an (electric) shuttle bus to the top of hill (perhaps with accessible toilet facilities concealed within part of the woodland) would be sufficient to provide fairer, equitable access for everyone without taking away the very nature of the place that draws local people to visit there today.

There could be a visitors centre near the northern entrance to the hill explaining Kilvey Hill's history and the natural regeneration taking place there. Champion Kilvey hill as the regeneration / rewilding success story it is rather than develop it with a noisy leisure attraction (with a business plan that won't succeed due it not being worth the visit for the difficulty or unwillingness of people to queue on the roads to get into Swansea) and rather than covering it with thousands of tons of concrete for luge runs and buildings.

The existing open space and paths are vital for local people's health and well-being in their current form and should be preserved as such. The proposed disposal of this land would be severely detrimental to local residents and will deny them the crucial chance to enjoy being in a large, quiet, natural, undeveloped outdoor space without the need to get in their car to drive elsewhere outside of the city. One that would only be destroyed and left abandoned by a failing, unprofitable leisure development within 5 years or so.

I therefore contend and suggest that given the land has not been demonstrated to be surplus to requirements, and this or any such proposed land disposal on Kilvey Hill would be of little benefit to the local community compared to a major detriment and loss that the local community would suffer instead, it would be considered unlawful for the council to proceed with the proposed land disposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 16:59
To: Kilvey Hill POSN; Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Subject: Formal Objection to the Proposed Disposal of Part of Kilvey Hill reference, number DVP-00274779/SAE under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972

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Dear Head of Property Services.

I am writing regarding the proposal to dispose of land at Kilvey Hill for leisure development.
As a landowner near the land, the disposal would adversely affect our community in several ways. To give an idea of this, I'd like to refer you to my objection to the skyline development Planning Application 2023/1748/FUL skyline planning objection.pdf and direct you to the introductory section.

From what I gather, the enforcement of the notice partly relies on proof that the land is "surplus to requirements" I disagree that this condition has been met. I am on my field most days of the year, and I see and hear locals and visitors using the hilltop, surrounding land and paths every day, rain or shine. The hill means everything to us.

Although the proposed development is concerned with seeking increased finances and kudos for the city, I feel that after a year of trying to be heard by the local Council and Skyline and share information with them, they treat us [the stakeholders, locals and visitors to Kilvey Hill], as if we are "surplus to requirements" and an inconvenience. Whilst this probably should be related in a complaint rather than an objection, the overriding feeling is one of exclusion as the drive for development hasn't sought to involve us, quite the opposite in fact.
I've personally organised three multi-arts festivals on the land known as " the old football pitch" along with N.E.W.I.D. [Bon y maen Community group] Swansea University and others involving thousands of locals and visitors, this land has been used for recreation for generations of my family who lived in Bon y maen. I've been involved in many other events, some annually like the Kilvey Volunteers Christmas tree events. The hill is loved and valued and so is priceless to the local users, so is not "surplus to requirements"..
With locals falling into the lowest earning bracket in the country, coupled with a lack of investment or much interest by statutory managers [S.M] over many years,
Left much to our own devices, we have used and nurtured the hill our own way, for me and others this has resulted in keeping traditions like horse riding and driving alive" as of right" despite not being recognised or legitimised by S.M. These rights were recognised by the Local Access Forum who have objected to the proposals on account of the adverse effects that the skyline plans would have on all open public access including horse users, contrary to false claims that access wouldn't change.
Whilst there are many other legal issues to consider that I.m sure others will address, one that I feel sums up the reason that we should be allowed to keep "our hill" open and accessible is the fact that the Council is, and has been, adversely possessing the land in question. To attempt to dispose of land, some that still doesn't belong to the authority and has been enjoyed as of right. This goes against the grain. Using our hard-earned tax money to fight objectors for land communally used for generations to make millionaires richer by suddenly turning up and laying claim to it doesn't seem an appropriate way for our Council administration to treat Kilvey hill 'communities. It's a further example of procedures that don't chime with local values.
To have a huge development forced on us that takes away so much of what we cherish without meaningful community involvement would add insult to injury.

I have concerns that the proposals take away and don't seem to fit into the designation of open access land, the quiet area and the green protection status the rare heathland holds presently. Laws like these and the future generation's Act, surely shouldn't be brushed aside.
My generation were the ones that planted all the trees and improved the land to become Europe's first environmental project and largest urban forestation, rejuvenating toxic soil into a green oasis of biodiversity, a shining example of good practice, ahead of its time, and a fitting canvas to colour with innovative, sound ecological examples of how a community can genuinely regenerate and integrate. This project would disintegrate Kilvey's gains and alienate the local communities who would be excluded by the development in several ways, namely physically, by the structures and luges which would change the landscape, blocking open access and green open space. Mentally by big crowds of visitors, increased rubbish, loud noise day and night, lights, loss of birdsong, alcohol sales and associated rowdy, loud behaviour, loss of the peace and quiet presently enjoyed and sought which heal those most in need, also the aforementioned lack of disposable income to either pay for the rides or escape to quiet areas further afield. Coupled with the loss of traditional pastimes like horses and motorbikes, this would have detrimental effects, especially on vulnerable youngsters who may turn to negative substitutes like alcohol abuse, drugs or gambling, which is one of the main incomes for Skyline internationally and likely to follow.

As well as this, I have concerns for the ancient heritage on the land. For example, the plans propose to build over a cairn near the mast and would disturb old sites and their settings, with a strong interest in ancient heritage amongst tourists as well as natural beauty and alternative energy like the lagoon and horse-drawn tours; this would seem like an own goal.
The disposal of this land doesn't fit into the local development plan, the countryside access plan, the designated quiet area, access land, green wedge protection and possibly contravenes our human rights.
The skyline plan would be massively funded by public investment on top of costs and resources already used, money that we were told wouldn't be utilised at the outset by the Council leader. This is inexcusable in the financial climate of today. The figures and statistics used to bolster public perception are not thought to be realistic, and public value for money hasn't been squared up and properly scrutinised. I'm told that a director of Skyline Swansea LTD is also one at Penderyn Whisky in Mofra and has a role in advising on public spending of Swansea's City deal funds and has already been in reciept of millions of council and government funding it worries me the disposal of this public land would be a great loss to the community and to then fund publicly a tourist attraction on to doesn't seem to be in the public interest or offer value; this would seem a conflict of interest if true, and with the silence of local Councillors, officers and Skyline representatives on serious concerns raised from traffic, water quality and quantity, toxicity, parking, noise nuisance etc. and no public meetings as requested or proper consultations it adds up to a lack of faith and trust and fuels concerns that a "done deal" is being pushed at every turn . A swap of land precious to a cluster of the poorest communities in the Country who have voluntarily nurtured poisonous land back to life over generations of neglect to be effectively stolen from them to be given to a private concern bolstered by tax-payers' money from said communities, with any profits going to a New Zealand Gambling concern and local hard liquor distillery.
For the above reasons and many, more, I strongly object to the disposal order and urge the authorities to engage eye to eye with local residents and listen to theirs and stakeholders concerns and questions, aim to be less opaque and more accommodating to suggestions about how Kilvey hill can remain a loved and highly valued resource for the people who need her most and have most to lose for the many adverse effects that the privatisation and over-development of disposing of the land would bring, This could never be reversed for example when public investment dries up
. It doesn't have public support locally as the expectation is that it would be a very costly "white elephant".

Thank you for considering my objection. I request confirmation of receipt of this objection.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Formal Objection to Planning Application 2023/1748/FUL - Kilvey Hill and Landore Park and Ride Development

Dear Simon Hughes

Introduction and Personal Stake in Kilvey Hill:

I am own land on Kilvey Hill [KH],[CYM327653] My background has been working with differently-abled people, organising many annual events on and around KH integrating the local community through multi-arts and horses. My land lies directly South of the Skyline proposals, about 250m from the gondola station, restaurant, rooftop bar, and sky swing as the land lies West to East. My activities include training horses and involving people with horses as a form of therapy. The Skyline Swansea Ltd [SSL] proposal has raised many concerns. I've raised these with SSL and the City and County of Swansea Council [CCSC] in the past year, including the pre-planning stage, and these are my concerns.

The proposed development includes

A restaurant, a rooftop bar, a sky swing ride, a chair lift, a gondola ride, Miles of luge track, access routes, bike trails, and other infrastructure which could negatively affect the quality of life, my family, friends, customers, local residents, livestock, and vulnerable people using the land. The substantial resources I have voluntarily invested into the area are threatened by the proposed changes by Skyline Swansea Ltd (SSL).

Key concerns:

Well-Being and Community Impact:

As an active contributor to the community, I offer my time and land to disadvantaged, vulnerable people who enjoy its quiet nature and close accessibility to green, open-access land

Born and raised on Kilvey Hill, I've experienced the benefits of its open space, silence, and beautiful views. It has provided an environment for community events, educational initiatives with local school children, adult visitors, and therapeutic interactions with horses and music. The SSL additions would disrupt this tranquillity,

To elaborate on my activities on my land, I train horses to ride and drive and introduce people, some with special needs or different abilities, to horses and ponies in the peaceful settings my land provides. Also, I have been involved in courses and events, for example, the 'Home and Hinterland project commissioned by Swansea University involving' urban horses '[HaH web content.docx].

This brought people and horses together in a relaxed environment, giving social benefits and involvement to those who love being around horses, brushing them, walking, etc, for therapeutic well-being.

Before being a landowner here, I organised 14 annual multi-arts festivals on and around KH with my old group, " The Dodgy Jammers - Arts for Diffabled People in Wales -Band Section" We used KH open spaces and fields to integrate differently-abled musicians and artists with the East side communities living around KH.This gave great value to all involved and built long-standing relationships sharing C.R.O.W. access land in partnership with organisations like Swansea Council CCS, and N.E.W.I.D. Swansea Universities' D.A.C.E. Forestry Commission etc.

We were proud to be invited to play at Europe's first Conference of Integration in Holland, adding to Kilvey's other firsts like the largest regeneration environmental scheme when '70s local children planted Europe's largest urban forest on Industrial waste tips. This has helped KH to become the hidden jewel in Swansea's crown To dig into and expose arsenic waste and ruin this rewilding with concrete now would seem like ecocide and pose a health hazard.

KH's value as a haven blessed with a loving, understanding community that relies on her natural beauty and character cannot be overestimated and shouldn't be disregarded. It is a stabilising force for us all because of its'unique position and heritage and helps offset the problems of KHs'communities, some of the lowest earners in Wales. .Skylines plans would sever the bonds local and international, formed by the many other creative, beneficial projects such as Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers [KCWV} who continue to integrate locals, University students and others from all around the World to learn and nurture the best practice in this urban-rural setting and the fact that all the above has been done on a voluntary basis gives a priceless factor in a dog eat dog commercial climate.

I must express my concerns about the potential impacts, noise pollution, light pollution, and my ability to access currently available open access spaces and the designated quiet area, with or without horses and livestock.

I have had livestock killed by dog attacks, litter thrown over the land and occasional unwanted visitors; this would no doubt increase, especially with the bar and late-night drinkers. Also, the sheer number of visitors projected would inevitably bring problems. The narrow track accessing my land would suffer from blockages, and any person parking in front of my gate wouldn't be contactable.

The development would overlook them and likely cause anxiety in such vulnerable people looking for quiet space away from urban life in this beneficial space, as this study in the Lancet proves funded by the Welsh government. (Geary et al., 2023)

Principle of Development:

Contradiction with Countryside Preservation: Emphasise how the development contradicts LDP CV2 Status, which aims to protect the countryside. Highlight that the project, particularly the

Kilvey Hill element, does not align with the exceptions specified as acceptable development in the countryside. Impact on Rural Character: Discuss how the development would significantly alter the rural and natural character of Kilvey Hill, which is valued for its open countryside and natural landscape.

> "7.5 As stated within the LPA's pre-application response, it is recognised that the development would be located within the countryside and would not fit easily within the exceptions specified within LDP Policy"
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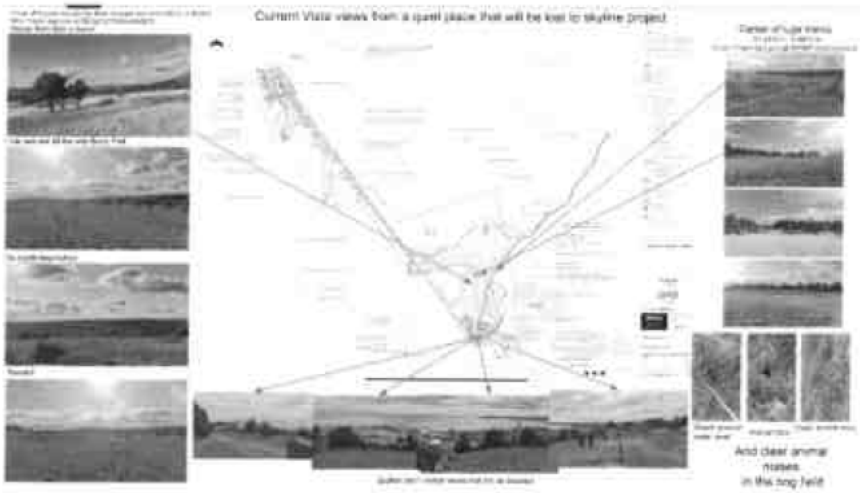
Delivery of Placemaking Principles:

Community Inclusion: Argue that true placemaking involves community participation, which seems to be lacking in this project. The development does not reflect the needs or desires of the local community, as evidenced by surveys and petitions.
Sustainable Development: Point out that placemaking should adhere to sustainable development principles, which this project may not fulfil due to its potential environmental impacts.

Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment:



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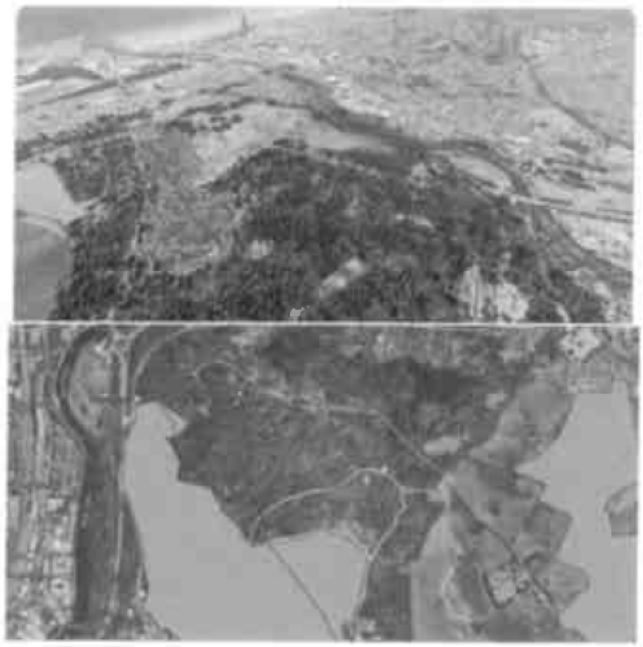
The potential disruptions to my property, operations, and access due to proposed buildings, concrete surfaces, zip wires, gondola rides, and luges raise significant concerns. The projected visitor numbers would have a negative effect on our community, challenging the principles of PPW 3.1 and 3.16 regarding transport and social engagement.



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Impact on open-access land:

Public Space Alteration: The development will limit free and unlimited access to the hill, fundamentally changing its current role as a communal and accessible green space. There has been a spread of misinformation regarding public support for the project and the extent of land use, with claims of only 9% land usage when in reality, it is 37%.





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6.24 Open access to Kilvey Hill and the public rights of way that crosses it will continue unhindered by the proposed development.

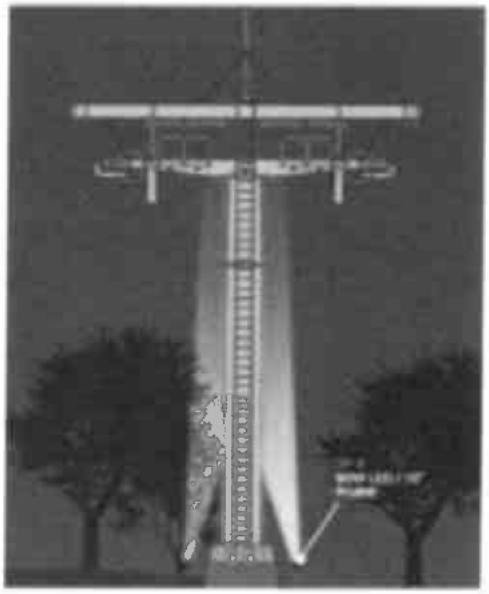
This statement is simply incorrect with buildings. Luge track has been built on the open access land in inherently changing its status as open access land with many 'historic rights of way 'being built upon too and not recognised by the country access team.

There is no getting around the destruction of the habitat in place the open access nature and feel of the landscape both for enjoyment and use while the soundscape will be changed forever navigating all the installations even if horses and dogs were allowed to roam free would cause serious health and safety issues with the open nature of no fencing on-site to maintain the open access as much as possible

Heritage:

Disturbance of ancient sites: I am concerned that the alignment of ancient sites will be affected by new infrastructure as well as groundworks disturbing them. Effects on wildlife, hazards relating to toxic soil disturbance. Light pollution, litter, trespassing, a potential rise in crime and damage to property, dog attacks on livestock, depreciation of property value and the absence of receptor testing within the quiet area cause great concern, conflicting with PPW 6.1.14.

Light Pollution Concerns:





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Till 11 pm, then 24-hour security lighting in a CV2 area?

Air Quality:

Potential Degradation: Increased traffic and construction activities could negatively impact air quality in the area. Restaurant deliveries, Food/Drink vans, delivery vans/HGVS, grounds keep and maintenance, ring to keep their fridges going and vehicles accessing the site regularly are clearly shown in yellow on the map below.



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Noise Pollution Concerns Disturbance in Quiet Area:
I would argue that the development will introduce noise in a nationally designated quiet area, disrupting the tranquillity valued by residents and visitors.:

The planned development activities threaten to disrupt the tranquillity of Kilvey Hill's designated quiet area. Projected noise levels, ranging from 55db to 75db within the quiet area itself, will significantly violate its peaceful nature.



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I'd like to point out that Skyswing has no sound testing, its volume is unpredictable, and the frequency of regular use to not carry out a sound test is unacceptable within a quiet area.

Sound travels far, as I can often hear people on the hilltop. I can hear people talking clearly and workers on the aerial Tower talking, so 55db to 75 plus db of the bar music and shouting from the swing seems too much. The sound of screams, etc., from a fairground ride nearby, would make this activity difficult as concentration is key. It would also drown out bird songs and scare them away, along with other wildlife who I consider friends sharing the same environment. Privacy would be a thing of the past. I hear the music from bars in Swansea Marina about 25 times the distance, very clearly on weekends intermittently, so the noise and disturbance would be unbearable with it being seven days a week coming from the centre of the quiet area.

Currently, I hear the Bar in SA1 every Sunday in Summer, but Skyline is planning this level of noise every day of the week from within the Quiet Area. Contradicting PPW 2.1 and 2.5, promoting social sustainability.

This would be shattered and disturbed by the development, and the projected 450,000 visitors are expected to increase to 750,000.

The Restaurant/Gondola/sky-swing are all 250 metres away. I work with community groups on the hill regularly. This will be destroyed if the thousands of visitors are drinking and screaming,

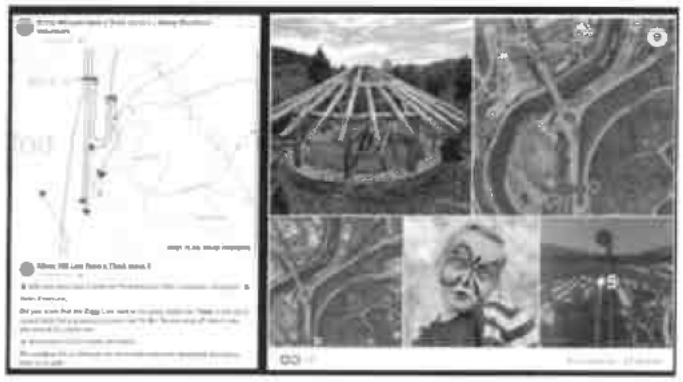
plus music is taking place seven days a week and all day till 11 pm; there is no way even to avoid this scenario or mitigate this. The project could destroy this forever and reduce the well-being value of not only the hill but the surrounding community as a whole.

Green Infrastructure:

Disruption to Green Spaces: Highlight how the project could disrupt existing green infrastructure, reducing green spaces and potentially impacting the ecosystem.

Overlooked

If the plans were realised, I would be directly overlooked in close proximity to the Skyline projects, underneath both the restaurant and open-top bar with expected peak visitors daily of over 2000 people whilst being in clear view of the sky swing and the Gondolas with 700 people No only at the summit but when I join the Kilvey community woodland volunteers at the Fairy Glade and Roundhouse events as shown in the image bellow.



Gondola

> 5.7 An 8-seater detachable gondola system, with 22 cabins transporting 820 people per
> hour plus 178 MTBph and a final capacity of 1,430 people per hour plus 306 MTBph,
> 1,535m in length, will connect the two sites. Terminal stations will be located at both
> Landore Park & Ride and the top of Kilvey Hill. The buildings will be contemporary
> yet relatively simple in appearance.
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820 People an hour capacity no amount of mitigation of planting will fix this "a final capacity of 1,430 people per hour plus 306 MTBp" Highlight this will get worse with time and louder as the visitor numbers are expected to reach 750,000 visitors a year.





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Balancing Development and Community Interests: Addressing the Impact of Kilvey Hill Development on Local Bike and Equine Activities.

One overlooked issue that the proposed development could exacerbate pertains to the use of motorbikes and horse riding/driving on Kilvey Hill. Currently, local youth engage in motorbike, equine and cycling activities on Kilvey Hill. Providing them with an outlet for their energy and an alternative to potentially dangerous street driving. They form a vital part of the local social fabric, contributing to the hill's multifaceted usages that are integral to the area's culture and social dynamics. (PPW 3.5).

The proposed development threatens to displace these activities, with the potential for severe knock-on effects. If these young individuals lose their access to Kilvey Hill, they may resort to driving on local roads, posing increased risks to their safety and others, potentially leading to more encounters with the police. This disruption opposes the principles of PPW 3.14 and 3.15, which emphasise the importance of maintaining and enhancing social cohesion and accessibility for all sections of the community.

In the interest of promoting a sustainable and inclusive community environment, it is essential that any future plans consider the needs of all users of Kilvey Hill, including motorbike users. Potential solutions could involve the creation of a designated area for motorbike activities that is safely distanced from residential zones, minimising noise disruption while providing a much-needed space for this community activity. By nurturing these local hobbies, we contribute to community well-being, reducing antisocial behaviour, and maintaining the diverse usage of our local landscape (PPW 6.2.3).

This aligns with the principles outlined in Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 11, particularly Chapters 3 and 4, which emphasise the importance of considering the needs of local communities and promoting sustainable and inclusive development.

Inadequate Consultation Process:

Skyline:

Many locals are still unaware of the specifics of the proposed development due to the last-minute consultation and poorly advertised events that failed to include local wards. This runs counter to PPW 1.16 , which emphasises community engagement. In addition, media representations of the scheme have been misleading.

The consultation process has been insufficient, particularly in engaging with local communities about changes to open-access land. Misinformation and lack of transparency have been issues, raising concerns about the project's approval process.

The consultation efforts, while meeting legal requirements, fall short of substantive engagement with affected communities. There's a disconnect in capturing diverse community perspectives, especially concerning changes to open-access land and the underestimation of noise impacts.

concern aligns with PPW 3.37 regarding access to open spaces and PPW 6.1.10, which emphasises the importance of upholding rights established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. [Refer to "
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SentFrom: Danny Luke <Danny.Luke@skylinelug e.com>: 28 June 2023 15:37	Skyline is keen to work with individuals who own horses to hold events on Kilvey Hill with their horses. This could include horse rides, exhibitions.

This email doesn't quite take into account the nature of my question about horse access and exacerbates my worry that horses will have no rights on the hill if the project is granted planning permission.

Council:

Firstly, As a windfall development not initially included in Swansea's Current LDP and one that has garnered significant public interest, it is essential for planning notices for the Skyline project to be issued bilingually. This ensures effective community engagement and reflects the need for cultural sensitivity. However, no Welsh notices have been put up on the final notice and, upon request to the Swansea planning department, to correct to this date has not been put into place.

Furthermore, the countryside access team Historically, in 2009, the Council overlooked the importance of bridleways in Swansea East on Kilvey Hill during their right-of-way creation order.

With the Council's intention to lease the land to an international company, the need to preserve this access and historically unrecognised rights of way becomes even more significant. The current assessment circulation map does not outline horse access in any way; as per the plan, I may not be able to safely access with my horse from the seaward facing side over to Bon-y-maen nor vice versa.

With no clear determination on a plan before the deadline of the planning objection dates from the country access team and no Current Countryside Access Plan to view.

Appendix 1 **Timeline of Consultation Issues and Equestrian Access Concerns for the Skyline Project:**

Throughout this timeline, there is a consistent theme of concerns over the preservation of equestrian access use 'as of right' and protection of open spaces and rights of way in the face of the Skyline development. The communication suggests a lack of definitive action and a clear misunderstanding of the responsibility the Countryside access team holds over open spaces and clarity in addressing these concerns, with various parties indicating ongoing discussions but lacking concrete resolutions only recently acknowledging their responsibility to hold a statutory consultation on rights of way and countryside access including open space, I would assert it should also include access to quiet spaces. The involvement of the Local Access Forum, while a step towards inclusive decision-making, appears to be reactive rather than proactive, with meetings and updates occurring only after significant developments or escalations in concerns. The situation reflects broader issues of consultation adequacy, transparency, and the potential threat to longstanding community practices and access rights.

To reiterate Transparency and Frequency failure of Consultation of open access land, access to Quiet Areas and rights of way for this project's site and surrounding areas in May 23 I had this response to one of my emails:

> 23rd May 2023 From: Phillip Marshall <Phillip.Marshall@swansea.gov.uk>
> Sent: 09:19
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> "Our team do not deal with open access land,"

As discussed in the Planning Committee on 5 December 2023, notable gaps have existed in regular consultation updates since 2017Countryside_Access_Plan_2007-2017. The last comprehensive consultation on open access land and rights of way was in 2007, 6 years after the Draft Countryside Access Plan 2023-2033, with no significant follow-ups of the East side of Swansea mentioned.

I have attached Appendix 1, a conversation time line and Appendix 5, with previous correspondence on open access matters.

Traffic concerns

Among my primary worries after access is the increased traffic, parking problems, and noise nuisance; also, the sheer number of visitors projected would inevitably bring problems. The track accessing my land would suffer from blockages, and people parking in front of my gate and approaching laybyes wouldn't be contactable. Heavy traffic would also affect access and egress, as would parking off the hill, especially in St Thomas and Danygraig.
The park-and-ride closure will also add to traffic and parking problems already happening on match days. Counter to PPW 3.39

The potential impact on water resources at Kilvey Hill is a significant issue.

These concerns arise under both the current and traditional use of KH and the effects development plans would have on local water resources and the environment and livestock they support at present, as aligned with the principles outlined in Planning Policy Wales (PPW) Edition 11, particularly Chapters 2 and 6.

Any pollution or alteration of the natural rainwater percolation process on the top of the hill could destroy the purity and reliability of the drinking water. [My water was tested as such by Swansea City Council in 2007] and affects the developing biodiversity of a bogland willowwood reliant on all-year-round water flow. This concern ties to PPW 6.4.4. Water Framework Directive (WFD) groundwater (which includes springs and wells). [Refer to "Polution_and_water.png", "Spring.jpeg", "Stream_point_one.jpg", "Stream_point_two.jpg", and "willow_woodland_bog.jpg"]

Timeline and Analysis of Water Resource Concerns for the Skyline Project:

February 2022

Initial Inquiry expresses concerns about the potential impact of the Skyline project on water resources, particularly on the natural rainwater percolation process and the purity of drinking water, relevant to PPW 3.25 and 6.4.4.

June 14, 2023:

Skyline's Response: Skyline addresses environmental concerns. The surface water design, reviewed by the local SUDS officer, includes swales and basins to enhance biodiversity and natural percolation of rainwater.

June 28, 2023:

Further Clarifications: Williams seeks additional details on the protection of southward-flowing streams towards his land, questioning the project's impact on local water resources and the environment.

September 28, 2023:

Site-Specific Concerns: Williams reiterates his concerns to Asbri Planning about water issues on his land and requests a site visit for assessment.

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> "Preventive Measures: The document outlines measures to prevent adverse changes to water quality, referencing Environment Agency's Pollution Prevention Guidelines."

However, with comments like this, it clearly cannot promise there will be no contamination, and I still have to have a site visit or engagement with the ecologist and water expert. This is a complete failure again with the stakeholder engagement policy.

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> "1.4. Protected Sites
> The proposed development lies approximately 80m from the Six Pit, Swansea Vale and White Rock SSSI and approximately 1.1km from the Crymlyn Bog SAC, Ramsar site and SSSI. Due to the nature of the works, the topography of the site and proximity to small watercourses which are hydrologically linked to the sites, we have concerns that harm from
> the proposed development on the protected sites cannot be ruled out. "

Need for a Protected Sites and Impact Assessment on my water and a plan:

The development's proximity to SSSI and other protected sites raises concerns about potential harm. However, adherence to a robust Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) could mitigate adverse effects but with no guarantees and clearly show my spring is at risk of contamination with no real engagement since September with no visit or conversion after I pointed him to the documents he needed before coming out for an arranged visit the spring.

Addressing Water Resource Concerns: The Skyline project has considered the impact on water resources, particularly in terms of enhancing natural percolation and maintaining biodiversity. However, specific concerns I raised about the southward flow of water towards his property and the broader ecosystem have not been fully addressed. While the Ecological Appraisal and CEMP suggest measures to prevent pollution and protect water quality, the need for site-specific assessments and detailed planning to safeguard southward flowing streams and local water resources is evident. Ensuring thorough implementation of these measures and continued monitoring will be crucial to prevent any adverse environmental impact, particularly in light of the proximity to protected sites and sensitive ecosystems. This approach aligns with PPW guidelines and reflects the need for comprehensive environmental stewardship in such developments.

Economic Sustainability:

The financial viability of the Skyline project is questionable. Despite claims of creating numerous jobs, the reality of these being job hours and the dependence on highly optimistic visitor numbers raise serious doubts. Coupled with recent Welsh tourism data indicating a downturn, the project's economic sustainability is in jeopardy but with little financial visibility.

Conclusion:

In light of the aforementioned issues, the proposed development by Skyline Swansea Ltd stands to significantly disrupt the peace, tranquillity, and customary use of Kilvey Hill. The likely detrimental effects of such a project appear to greatly surpass any potential benefits. I also think that our Council should not be trying to adversely possess our open access land and right of way to hand over / lease / sell to a commercial venture as it is a waste of public resources. Likewise, I don't feel comfortable that one businessman has so many reported links to local commercial ventures attracting public funding. While I have nothing against people 'making good', I feel the loss of our community woodland and wild open spaces to commercial activity will profit the few, not the many. Therefore, I am compelled to formally and vehemently object to this application on the grounds that it's inappropriate, could be devastating for the region, and set a precedent for further misuse of our resources on a gamble that I, for one, believe will be a 'white elephant', or a' ski slope 2 ' that will not benefit Kilvey Hill's communities

Policy Failure:

The proposed development by Skyline Swansea Ltd (SSL) on Kilvey Hill raises several concerns in terms of policy compliance with the Planning Policy Wales (PPW) and local development plans. Here are key policy failures associated with the project:

Contradiction with Countryside Preservation Policies:

LDP Policy CV2 Compliance: The development appears to contravene LDP Policy CV2, which aims to safeguard the countryside from inappropriate development. The extensive nature of the project, involving significant built structures and recreational facilities, does not fit within the acceptable development exceptions in rural areas, potentially undermining the policy's intention to protect the countryside.

Impact on Rural Character: The proposed facilities would significantly alter the rural and natural character of Kilvey Hill, which is currently valued for its open countryside and natural landscape. This change conflicts with policies aimed at preserving the natural and rural environment.

Failure in Delivering Placemaking Principles:

Community Inclusion: Effective placemaking requires active participation from the community. The project seems to have limited genuine community engagement, indicating a failure to

incorporate the needs and desires of local residents. This is evident from local surveys and petitions showing opposition to the project.
Sustainable Development: The PPW advocates for sustainable development principles, which the SSL project may not fulfil, given its potential environmental impacts and the transformation of a naturally preserved area into a commercial and recreational zone.
Inadequate Consultation Process:

Community Engagement (PPW 3.39): The consultation process conducted by SSL and the local planning authority has been criticised for inadequate engagement with local communities, particularly regarding changes to open-access land. There's a perceived lack of transparency and comprehensive outreach, conflicting with PPW guidelines on community engagement and participation in planning processes.

Impact on Green Infrastructure:

Disruption to Green Spaces (PPW 5.2.1): The project could significantly disrupt existing green infrastructure, reducing green spaces and potentially impacting the local ecosystem and biodiversity. This aspect runs counter to policies focused on preserving and enhancing green infrastructure.

Inadequate Consideration of Traffic and Environmental Impacts:

Increased Traffic and Parking Issues (PPW 4.1.4 and 4.1.5): The development is likely to result in increased traffic, exacerbating existing congestion and parking problems in the area. This would challenge the principles of sustainable transport and community well-being outlined in the PPW.

Environmental Impact (PPW 6.1.1 and 6.4.4): Concerns about potential environmental degradation, including impacts on water resources and the natural habitat, have not been adequately addressed, conflicting with PPW directives on protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

Impact on Local Economy and Sustainability:

Economic Viability: Questions about the economic sustainability of the project arise, given the reliance on optimistic visitor numbers and the potential impact on local businesses and community activities. This raises concerns about the long-term viability and economic benefits of the project.

The above points illustrate the potential policy failures associated with the SSL project on Kilvey Hill, highlighting the need for a more thorough and community-inclusive planning process that aligns with national and local planning policies.

Material Consequences:

Loss of Privacy and Tranquility: The proximity of the development, particularly the restaurant, rooftop bar, sky swing, and gondola station, would severely impact the privacy and tranquillity of my property. The influx of visitors and activities would disrupt the serene environment crucial for therapeutic equine sessions and community events that I regularly conduct.

Disturbance to Equine Therapy Sessions: The noise and visual disturbances from the Skyline project, including the sounds from the sky swing and gondola, would adversely affect the calm required for effective equine therapy. The therapeutic value of my land for differently-abled individuals would be significantly compromised.

Impact on Livestock and Wildlife: The increased footfall, noise, and potential litter associated with the development pose risks to the livestock and local wildlife. The tranquillity of the area, essential for the well-being of animals, would be disrupted, potentially leading to stress and harm.

Reduced Accessibility to Open Space: The development threatens to limit access to the currently open and natural spaces of Kilvey Hill. This reduction in accessible green space would directly impact my ability to conduct outdoor activities and events that rely on the openness and natural beauty of the area.

Safety Concerns for Therapeutic Activities: The influx of visitors and the accompanying noise and activity could create safety concerns for therapeutic activities involving horses and vulnerable individuals. The peaceful and controlled environment necessary for these activities would be at risk.

Potential for Increased Trespassing and Vandalism: The development could lead to increased foot traffic near my property, raising concerns about trespassing, vandalism, and disturbance, particularly during night-time hours when the bar and other facilities are operational.

Traffic Congestion and Access Issues: The expected increase in traffic could lead to congestion and accessibility issues for my property, particularly concerning emergency access and the routine movement of livestock and supplies.

Environmental Degradation: The construction and operation of the development could lead to environmental degradation, impacting the natural habitat and the ecological balance of the area, which is crucial for my land's current use and sustainability.

Decrease in Property Value: The proximity of the large-scale commercial development may lead to a decrease in the value of my property due to the altered landscape, increased noise, and reduced privacy.

Impact on Community Ties and Heritage: Kilvey Hill's current state as a communal green space contributes to community bonding and local heritage. The development could alter this dynamic, affecting the long-established community relations and traditions linked to the hill.

Impact on Community Representation: A lack of adequate consultation means that the views and concerns of the community, including yours, may not have been sufficiently represented or addressed. This can lead to decisions that do not reflect the community's needs or desires, impacting the social fabric and well-being of the area.

Violation of Planning Policy Principles: PPW 3.39 underlines the necessity of community engagement in planning decisions. If the consultation process is inadequate, it represents a failure to comply with these established planning principles, which could have legal and procedural implications for the development process.

Potential for Unaddressed Concerns: Inadequate consultation might result in significant issues and concerns of local residents being overlooked. This can lead to material impacts on your quality of life, property value, and the ability to continue your current activities and practices.

Reduced Trust in Planning Processes: When consultation processes are perceived as inadequate, it can lead to a loss of trust in the planning authorities and the developers. This can have longer-term consequences for community relations and future planning and development initiatives in the area.

Legitimacy of the Planning Decision: The perceived inadequacy of the consultation process can challenge the legitimacy of the planning decision. This could lead to disputes, appeals, and a need for further review, which can have material impacts on the timeline and outcome of the development project.

Requests:

I am a believer in the delicate balance between development and preservation, where everyone can enjoy the beauty of Kilvey Hill without compromising its natural landscape and the tranquillity of our nationally designated quiet area within which your site resides. Future plans should consider the inclusion of bridleways and restricted byways on Kilvey Hill, respecting PPW 2.8 and 4.10, which advocate for balanced development that respects the local context.

Enhanced Community Engagement: Request a more inclusive and transparent consultation process, in line with PPW 3.39, ensuring that the views and needs of the local community, including those directly affected are adequately considered.

Reassessment of Development Impact: Call for a thorough reassessment of the project's impact on the rural character, green infrastructure, and tranquillity of Kilvey Hill, in compliance with LDP Policy CV2 and PPW principles regarding countryside preservation and sustainable development.

Mitigation of Noise and Light Pollution: Demand specific mitigation measures to address potential noise and light pollution impacting your property and activities, especially considering the close proximity to the Skyline project.

Protection of Open Access and Green Spaces: Urge for a clear plan to maintain open access to Kilvey Hill and protect green spaces, ensuring that the development does not restrict your and the community's access to these areas.

Safeguarding Equine and Therapeutic Activities: Request that specific measures be implemented to safeguard your equine therapy sessions and related activities from disturbance due to the development.

Traffic Management and Access Assurance: Ask for a detailed traffic management plan that addresses potential congestion and ensures uninterrupted access to your property.

Environmental Impact Assessment: Call for a comprehensive environmental impact assessment, with a particular focus on the effects on local ecosystems, water resources, and wildlife.

Safety Measures for Vulnerable Groups: Insist on safety measures to protect vulnerable individuals participating in your therapeutic activities from increased visitor traffic and potential disturbances.

Assessment of Economic Viability and Impact: Request an independent assessment of the economic viability of the project, considering its long-term sustainability and impact on the local economy and community.

Regular Updates and Ongoing Communication: Demand regular updates and ongoing communication from the developers and the planning authority, ensuring that you are kept informed of any developments or changes to the project.

Reevaluation of Project's Alignment with Community Needs: Advocate for a reevaluation of the project's alignment with the community's needs and desires, ensuring that it contributes positively to the local area and its residents.

Comprehensive Review of Policy Compliance: Request a comprehensive review of the project's compliance with relevant planning policies and guidelines, ensuring that it adheres to the established standards for rural development, environmental protection, and community engagement.

Alternatives:

Enhanced Environmental Protection Measures: Suggest strengthening the environmental protection measures for Kilvey Hill, including the preservation of wildlife habitats, maintenance of open green spaces, and protection of quiet areas.

I trust that these concerns will be carefully considered and look forward to contributing constructively to future discussions about the fate of Kilvey Hill, a precious community asset.

Yours sincerely,

Attachments: Diagrams, information, and quotes from previous correspondence.

Ecology reference:
https://independent.academia.edu/NigelRobins

Designated Quiet area map:
https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-05/quiet-areas-swansea-neath-port-talbot-agglomeration.pdf

No horse accesses in circulation map:
https://www.asbriplanning.co.uk/uploads/Kilvey%20Hill/landscape/Access%20and%20Circulation%20Plan%20-%20Whole%20Site.pdf

A site map shows the building at the source of the water-feeding stream and spring on my land:
https://www.asbriplanning.co.uk/uploads/Kilvey%20Hill/plans/Site%20Plans/Site%20Plan%20Top%20Station%20Area%20and%20Luge%20Track.pdf

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Appendix 1 **Timeline of Consultation Issues and Equestrian Access Concerns for the Skyline Project:**

2009

The Council overlooked the importance of bridleways in Swansea East on Kilvey Hill during their right-of-way creation order.

2017

Gaps in regular consultation updates and transparency since 2017 were noted.

6th December 2023

Attendance at a local access forum meeting revealed a lack of consultation with Skyline and limited awareness among members about the project's impact on open access land and rights of way on Kilvey Hill.

12th May 2023

Email to Countryside Access Team [C.A.T]. I expressing concerns about equine access and the impact of Skyline's plans on traditional routes and public rights of way. Highlighted the lack of inclusion of equine tracks in planning and the potential safety risks for equestrian use due to the proposed developments.

23rd May 2023

Response from C.A.T. stating the Council's position on open access land, indicating they do not deal with it and highlighting the lack of equestrian, horse and cart, motorcycle, or cycle access rights to such land

20th June 2023

Email from Danny Luke of Skyline to Richard Williams acknowledging the submission of concerns. Mentioned discussions with the council regarding equine access through council-controlled land and the alignment of path planning.

28th June 2023

Further email from Danny Luke indicating ongoing discussions with Swansea City Council about incorporating designated bridleways into the Skyline project. Mentioned Skyline's interest in working with horse owners for events on Kilvey Hill.

November 21, 2023

sends an email expressing concerns about equine access and the impact of Skyline's plans on traditional routes and public rights of way.

November 29, 2023

Chris Dale responds to Richard Williams, addressing the impact of the Skyline proposal on horse riding or carriage driving, stating it appears limited. Mentions paths that may need diversion due to the development.

December 5, 2023

In a Planning Committee meeting, gaps in regular consultation updates since 2017 are discussed. The last comprehensive consultation on open-access land and rights of way occurred in 2007.

Noted Country access department admits responsibility for open access land; i'd like to state this also includes access to quiet area spaces and that its now clear the team was unaware of its responsibilities and has not publicly consulted since 2007

December 6, 2023

attends a local access forum meeting, finding limited awareness among members about the Skyline project's impact on open access land and rights of way on Kilvey Hill.

account:

> "I attended a local access forum meeting I found that none of the members had been in consultations with Skyline and had little to no idea of what affects the development may have on the open access land and right of way on Kilvey Hill until it was pointed out to them.. It was decided that the Council would need to seek legal advice about the situation regarding the commercialisation of open access land and the building of Skylines project on it which the discussions found were problematic/ Surely this would need added time for proper consultations and information gathering."

December 8, 2023

sends an email to Chris Dale and Councillor Paxton Hood-Williams expressing disagreements with the perceived limited impact of the Skyline project on equestrian access and highlighting inadequacies in the consultation process.

December 8, 2023
Chris Dale responds to with a map showing paths affected by the Skyline proposal. Promises to address other issues in email the following week.

Appendix 2 First objection Letter

Next page

31st march 23

Dea and Skyline Enterprises

Hi, further to our earlier correspondence I wish to add and clarify these comments to be considered in the public consultation process.

As a Kilvey landowner from the area, [CYM 327653] next to SA1 8ED 1 Dan y Beacon Cottage, It's with chwarae teg [fair play] in mind that I try to defend our hill's rural nature, For me, Welsh ponies epitomise the character of Swansea's Eastside.. kind, strong hardworking brave, proud, fun, loyal they're loved by old and young alike. but along with the communities of Bon y maen, Dan y graig, Grenfell Park and "Port Thomas" once again, they are being denied their basic need of belonging in their landscape. Grazing animals increase biodiversity, improve habitats and mitigate against wildfires as well as traditionally providing healthy pastimes locally.

Years of being kept in the dark about the scale of this project, controversial public funding denials and narrow consultations exposed as afterthoughts, shows disrespect and presumptuousness. As I highlighted in the face to face consultation, very few people knew about the consultations which only had about a week's notice and the venues and times were also changed in that time

While the Council and Skyline claim the hill is being somehow rescued from its past [with better access at considerable cost] I remember the hill being wide open with genuine 'access for us all', including "diffabled" [differently abled people]

I hope for this freedom to return at a cost of hundreds, not millions of pounds for a swift re integration into our peaceful haven of wildlife and open spaces.

Here is a summary of access, followed by my points of concern.

KILVEY HILL ACCESS

In 2009, all public access 'as of right' to the hill top [via Dan y beacon] was challenged by residents. Swansea Council surprised hill users by informing them that NO RIGHTS OF WAY [R.O.W.s.] were registered on or around Kilvey hill, due to a 1949 law not being enacted. Ramblers, Kilvey Save Our Unclassified Lanes Forum, and others met with the Council, who eventually created some R.O.W.s. in 2013.

However, objections and petitions were lodged during the consultation process, leading to a public inquiry in 2012 because the Council:

a] Didn't include the route that was challenged, despite strong user evidence.

b] Didn't include any traditional uses like trail riding, cycling and carriage driving. [no bridleways or restricted byways]

c] Didn't form a network of major routes linking Kilvey hills' communities.

This resulted in unresolved and informal restrictions, further squatting of paths and divisive problems.

THE TRUTH ABOUT COUNCIL-SKYLINE PROPOSALS FOR KILVEY HILL

The Council has said that there will be open access for ALL [cyclists, walkers and runners but no mention of horse use] and existing rights of way will remain. However, only one R.O.W. crosses the 100acre site [Morris Lane] and is classified as footpath only, so traditional use of this lane and all other tracks and paths used 'as of right' by visitors and locals for generations will not be protected by law.

The anticipated 450,000 new visitors per annum are likely to have negative effects on the other footpaths, R.O.W.s and unclassified lanes therefore further degrading traditional hill access and usage locally.

POSSIBLE REMEDY?

To offset this, could the Council place new creation orders, modification orders and routes, recognising and safeguarding the rights and customs of traditional hill users, balancing this with the concerns of residents and landowners going forward, with investment for example bridleway furniture, landscape design if necessary, whether the proposals for Skylines adventure fun fair are passed or not?

CONCERNS RELATING TO MY PROPERTY {CYM 327653 WITHIN 250 METRES].

1] What would be the arrangements for sewage, foul water and water run off at the site during construction and afterwards including monitoring of my certified safe water supply from the spring and streams on my property situated very near to the proposed site?

2] I've used the various paths tracks and Morris Lane over and to and from the site for over 40 years 'as of right' by foot horse and motor vehicles, how will this still be possible given the structures, number of visitors, and will the ways be created / modified / designated as rights of way and safeguarded by law?

3] The archaeological remains that I have pointed out, and others nearby, are vulnerable, will they be protected regardless of any Council commissioned reports? I notice that the sky swing is now planned for nearer the ring cairn that I outlined previously

4] High visitor numbers will inevitably bring associated problems like rise in crime, dog attacks on livestock, litter, dog poo, trespassing, damage to fences and property anti-social behaviour, access considerations etc what will be done to alleviate / compensate for this?

5] What are the hours of business projections?

6] If restrictions are deemed necessary on other Kilvey ways, tracks and paths, will Skyline be contributing to the costs of adding bridleway / carriage gap furniture on them to allow equestrian use to continue?

7] I notice that you intend using 'the old football pitch for a site storage while building, I 've previously organised community events there, will this be possible after construction?

8] I would be completely overlooked by amusements, at the mercy of all manner of disturbance visual and audial, despite the hill being protected as a "quiet area" what if anything can be done about this and how could I be compensated?

I notice that the restaurant site has now been moved forward of the' quaker observation point' this will remove any privacy for myself and the residences nearby. Given that the observation points view would then be obstructed by said restaurant couldn't the original hilltop position be kept?

9] Will lights also feature during darkness adding to light pollution.

10] I'm very concerned that the flora and fauna will greatly suffer along with peoples physical and mental health who use the natural open space for solace and exercise etc. When can I expect answers to my questions?

To conclude, nothing I've heard or seen so far has swayed me from being 100% against this project, as I said when we met at the Village Hotel, however, should your application be successful, I'd hope for a good relationship with Skyline and your partners as near neighbours, and that my activities and operations with horses will not be affected by your developments.

Thank you kindly for reading my concerns

Yours sincerely,

Appendix 2 second objection

skyline pre-planning objection.pdf

Appendix 3 water emails

14/06/2023. 11:59

Skyline Responses

my question ben: 2**Environmental Concerns**: I am particularly concerned about the potential impact on air quality, noise levels, ancient sites, wildlife, and water resources at Kilvey Hill. Any pollution or alteration of the natural rainwater percolation process could affect the purity of the drinking water and the developing biodiversity of a bogland willow wood reliant on all-year-round water flow. This concern ties to PPW 6.1.1 and 6.4.4.	Skyline answer: The current surface water design has been reviewed by the local SUDS officer from the council. The strategy is to continue with the overland flows and enhance this through the introduction of swales and basins that will also be used to further enhance the biodiversity on the development by the planting strategy, the new and more diverse habitats these wet and dry swales will add. The development will enhance the natural percolation process for rain water as it slows the over ground flows giving enhanced percolation potential	new question: my concerns about the water resources at Kilvey Hill are valid, particularly regarding the potential impact of pollution or alterations to the natural rainwater percolation process. These changes could indeed affect the purity of drinking water and the developing biodiversity of the bogland willow wood, which relies on all-year-round water flow. From the evidence provided, it seems that there may have been an oversight in addressing the southward flowing water towards Richard Williams' land. The current plan appears to focus on collecting rainwater for toilets and directing water to the northward slope, with the introduction of swales and basins. However, there seems to be a lack of detail regarding the protection of the flow rate of southward flowing streams. Could you please elaborate on how you plan to protect these southward flowing streams? Additionally, could you point out where in your report you have checked for this? It's crucial to ensure that all aspects of the water flow, including those directed southward, are adequately addressed to prevent any potential negative impacts on the environment and local water resources.

From

Sent: 12 June 2023 10:00

To

Subject: RE: Kilvey Hill Commercial Development Plans

1] What would be the arrangements for sewage, foul water and water run off at the site during construction and afterwards including monitoring of my certified safe water supply from the spring and streams on my property situated very near to the proposed site?	The proposal to remove foul water / Sewage from site is via a positive connection to a sewage main on the B5444 Pentre-Chwyth Road, therefore removing the need for tankers to attend site to remove sewage from storage tanks. Water runoff will controlled by a number of Swales and Basins and a designed surface water system that will provide better control of the surface water than was in place before, as is the requirements of current design regulations. There is currently no foreseen risk of contamination to any springs or streams on the hill and if any risk was identified then monitoring would be a requirement. This will be reviewed through the planning process and confirmed then also

	From:
	Sent: 28 September 2023 13:45
	To
On 17 Aug 2023 10:18, Liam Griffiths	Subject: Re: Kilvey Hill, Swansea
Morning Please see below response following on from recent queries issued with regards the Skyline Development at Kilvey Hill.Please could you provide us with the location of the stream that you refer to and locations and details of the springs that you are referring to? I have attached a plan for you to mark with the locations. To enable us to respond to your specific requests could you provide the details of your concerns. Also, would you be happy for our team to visit and survey these specific locations if we have not already reviewed this at close hand? Kind regards Senior Planner	Dear Liam, Further to my previous emails and objection to the asbri pre planning (in which I gave clear concerns and positions of my water issues on my land to be affected by your plans)Are you going to arrange an accompanied visit to my land previous to any further planning application/s?Skyline has stated that it wants to work along with local people and stakeholders but it's been over a month since your last clarification request (for information you already had,..and over 9 months since my concerns were first raised with Skyline about vital water and access issues.Regards

Appendix 4 Open access related Email threads

From:

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Thanks for providing your submission to Asbri, let me review all of your comments and I will provide answers to each later this week.

I'm not saying the decision on whether equine access is that of the council I did say we're discussing this with them because as you know we're only looking to take some of the land on Kilvey Hill with remainder being the responsibility of council. To access the land we're looking to use will require passing through the council-controlled land. We want to be sure that everyone is aligned when it comes time to planning where the paths could be located.

I'll be in contact again shortly.

Best regards,

Skyline answers here Bridelways are the council's responsibility, and they can't do anything.

From

Sent: 28 June 2023 15:37

To

Subject: RE **skyline pre-planning objection**

There appears to be little information about access for horses – a form of active travel. This should be added. I recommend, on behalf of the equestrian community of Kilvey Hill and wider Swansea, that in including horse-related access in the Skyline development, that the local authority, whose rights of way officer is copied in this email, make creation orders for public bridleways and restricted by-ways so that these higher rights, for horse riders, cyclists and pony and cart are all preserved for the future of Kilvey Hill and it's wide user group.	Skyline is in discussions with Swansea City Council on how designated bridleways can form part of the scheme and are confident a designated bridleway can be incorporated. Skyline is keen to work with individuals who own horses to hold events on Kilvey Hill with their horses. This could include horse rides, exhibitions etc. Further discussions with these individuals would be welcomed by Skyline.

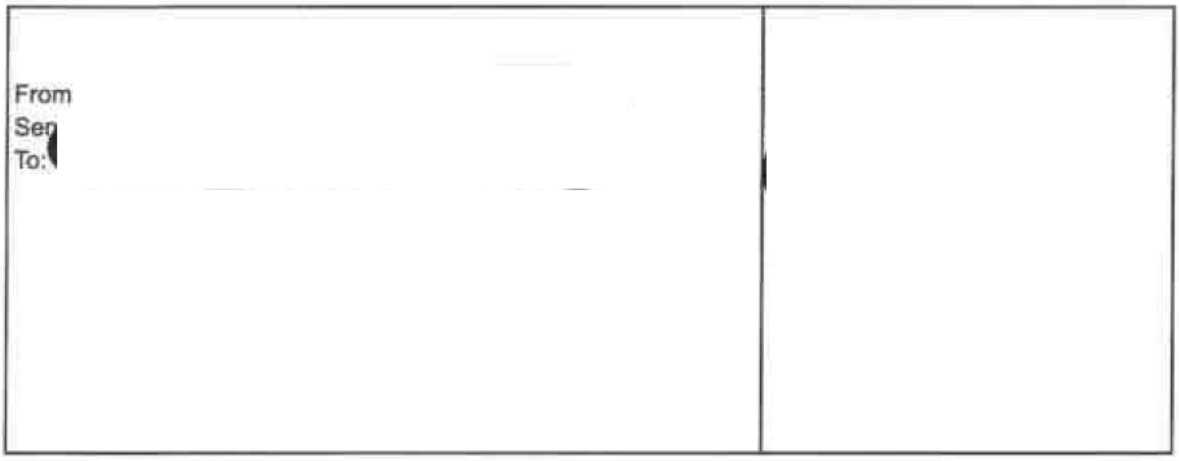
Skyline says The hill will remain as open as it is today once the development is complete

How open will Kilvey Hill be to the public following the development? Areas will be fenced off. Cutting off or disappearance of paths and tracks used by people and horses for generations. Concerns about loss of public space.	The hill will remain as open as it is today once the development is complete and only areas where there are safety requirements will there be security fencing. These locations include the area in front of the cableways (gondola and chairlift, Luge instruction area, Zipline launch station and Sky Swing path). It is the intention to keep these areas to a minimum. A safety fence boundaries plan will be submitted with the planning application. The proposals have been designed to respect and incorporate existing access routes, which will also be added to and improved as part of the overall scheme.

Here, Skyline recognises there will be a change in the way users use the hill

impact of the development on the well established use of Kilvey Hill by the local community. Concerned that the development will displace local activities.	It is acknowledged that the development will result in the use of Kilvey Hill being altered to its current experience. The proposed development will bring with it higher accessibility for people with mobility issues and disabilities. It is the intention of Skyline to ensure the local community is still involved and use the hill as closely as possible to the current context. Skyline would like to work in partnership with local users to ensure Kilvey Hill remains a place for all moving forward. Following suggestions from the local community there is likely to be a Children's Adventure Playground incorporated into the scheme which will be free to use for all.

I contacted the Council countryside access team, and they replied with open access. Wasn't their domain


From
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To:

Subject: Re: installation works across public right of way ST469a Good morning Phillip, Thanks for your recent separate email about equine access (which you later deleted) . Due to the history of this matter I'd appreciate if you kept Councillor Hale and interested parties included in correspondence in the hope that local access issues can be resolved going forward. Although you intimated that your department had little experience of permissive access I'd hoped that parts of my land could be used as such,. Since my email , Ive discovered that you are the officer dealing with Kilvey access and Skyline .Their pre planning notice doesn't include equine tracks but it does include cyclist ones, many in fact. Also the best current open access route over to Bonymaen (' the jockey field) would be criss crossed by several luges making that way impossible for walkers cyclists , horses too. Another traditional route (' Windmill Way'which I believe you and Mr Phippen eventually opened to walkers after a resident fenced it off after the inquiry by placing an ad hoc walkway) doesn't give open equine access also the plans have a large fairground ride nearby. The only safe route therefore is Ancient Morris Lane (currently unpassable on the South side near Dan y beacon, and I notice that large lorries and the like will be allowed to use the footpath with no changes) .. alongside which the Council built the staircase .(open land the Council is attempting to squat at present) Therefore the plans would effectively ban equine use at least with safety of all concerned. Whilst I thank you for offering me more user evidence forms to resolve this issue, You were party to the many affidavit forms submitted (over a hundred) showing equine and other use over many 20 year periods.. I still have many of them which were recognised, along with other historical evidence by the inquiry inspector as proving higher rights existed on Morris lane and Windmill Way and that many other Kilvey hill paths and tracks were used as of right, these include the land amassed by Swansea Council being offered to Skyline with no official rights designated . .Therefore I feel that , given the amount of our taxes (£12 million pounds and counting) the government I is adding to the Skyline company who have said they want to work with the community to	Subject: RE: installation works across public right of way ST469a Hell Please find attached a map detailing the recorded public rights of way on Kilvey Hill. Our team do not deal with open access land, but as I'm sure you are aware, access land currently has no equestrian, horse and cart, motorcycle or cycle access rights afforded to it. I assume that if the developers wish to have mountain bike tracks that is something to be discussed with the planning department. The council is still in possession of the original evidence forms, (which formed the basis for the creation order) and the subsequent evidence forms, (which the council received after the creation order had gone live). What the council still has not received, is a claim for public footpath, bridleway etc. I have looked back through the various files for the Kilvey footpaths and have found an email from October 2013 from the open spaces society stating that a claim for higher rights would be coming through to our department, but as of yet, we have received nothing. The department would not look to create higher rights, or create along the path through Dan y Beacon for the same reasons as stated previously, namely, leaving the council open to potentially large compensation claims from landowners and that landowners would object to the order causing a costly public inquiry. However,

preserve local access along with lcouncil eadership statements that all access will "remain open and as it was", that your office could create bridleways / modify footpath status within your power as was suggested by the Open Spaces Society in Council meetings . As the pre planning notice expires in less than a week, I'd appreciate a quick response although I appreciate that, as you said , it's a busy time for your department, it's just that , along with an increasing number of locals and others who haven't been included in these plans and decieved about their funding from our taxes , more and more people seek fair play and understanding for Kilvey rights of way and why they're being ignored , excluded and decieved. Finally, please could you explain why cyclists can have tracks for sole use but horses can't as I thought that in law they both shared the same status , that is as bridleways? And how do you and your department plan to maintain traditional equine use under the leaderships claims? Apologies if this email comes over as a tad irreverent but you'll be aware that the roller coaster of Kilvey access isn't a ride for the faint hearted ! Come what may I mean no offence to our Council or Skyline , just trying to preserve access enjoyed for thousands of years that is under threat from commercialism . I'm really hoping that ways can be found to be inclusive of local traditions with some give and take. Kind regards	people can comment on the planning application with regards to what they would like to see within the planning boundary. As you stated previously, you are in contact with the skyline developers and this would be the best way for you to input your concerns / thoughts. Morris Lane – I will check to see if it is on our annual clearance contract , and if not, have it cleared (if it is overgrown). I'm unsure how lorries would use Morris Lane to access the summit of Kilvey Hill or the site Regards Countryside Access Officer / Swyddog Mynediad I Gefn Gwlad Civic Centre / Canolfan Ddinesig Swansea / Abertawe SA1 3SN

In December the 5th, Country Access Team were actually responsible for open access land was their domain

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R249a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 17:08
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I would like to object to the planned disposal of land on Kilvey Hil. This area has many different types of flora and fauna that will be impacted negatively. The hill has long been a green space used by many families dog walkers cyclists mountain bikers and the intended change of use will have a negative effect on all of these and many other things.

R250a

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 17:38
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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R251a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 17:51
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Please don't remove vital open land from the local community in name of profit. Green space is required to encourage human connection with nature, improving mental and physical wellbeing; as well as keep wildlife alive.

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Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 18:05
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject:	Disposal of open space comment - Ref No. DVP-00274779/SAE

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	I object to the disposal of land for the Skyline project. Kilvey hill is an important green space for people living in the deprived areas of St Thomas and Bonymaen and is an increasingly important area for nature. The Skyline project is likely to disturb seriously contaminated land, dating from Swansea's industrial past and could well be a White Elephant with attendant huge waste of money if its not successful.

R253a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 17:01
To: Kilvey Hill POSN

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Dear Sir

I don't agree with the proposals for Kilvey Hill.

R254

Howard French

From: webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent: 05 February 2024 18:30
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Concrete in another highly polluting and also a considerable contribution towards global warming so should be stopped… the whole sky line project will be just another highly and unnecessary expense that the ordinary tax payer cannot afford

R255a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 18:47
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	This is absolutely disgusting. Kilvey hill is public land for everyone to enjoy and it needs to remain as such. You should truly be ashamed of yourselves to even consider changing that.

R256a

Howard French

From: [redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2024 18:54
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Re: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal - DVP-00274779/SAE

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Dear Tracey Meredith and/or Head of Property Services,

Re: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal - DVP-00274779/SAE

I trust that you will still accept a correction at this time. I meant to write:

"The notice **does *NOT*** explain or justify how such a land disposal would be of benefit to the surrounding local communities at all, let alone in a way that would supposedly make up for any of these losses."

Please find the corrected version below.

Yours sincerely,

CORRECTED VERSION OF MY SUBMISSION:

Dear Tracey Meredith and/or Head of Property Services,

Re: Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal - DVP-00274779/SAE

I am writing to register my strong and utter OBJECTION to the proposed disposal of part of an open space on land known as Kilvey Hill. (KILVEY HILL, ST THOMAS, SWANSEA, SA1 8ED as per the notice.)

There has been no consultation with the public on this proposed land disposal.

The notice does not and the council have not explained how this land is surplus to requirements to be eligible for disposal.

In fact, the land, as it is, is of immense public benefit to all the local communities surrounding the hill, especially those within 1.5 miles, with:

- It being part of Swansea Urban Woodland, a designated Quiet Area.
- There being many, as yet unrecorded, public routes over this land consisting of footpaths and bridleways, which are enjoyed by local horse-riders, cyclists (mountain bikers) and trail runners.
- People walking / running / etc. to the top of the hill, and using the hill do so not just for the views over the bay but also to peacefully enjoy the woodland and natural open spaces, and sit on the Quakers Seat at the top of the hill or the old windmill foundations within a natural setting. It's the experience of the large expanse of undeveloped open space / grassland at the top of the hill and large expanse of woodland that people seek out for enjoyment and for their mental health that Swansea is so fortunate to have on its doorstep.
- It being accessible on foot / by bike from the city centre and people in many of Swansea's local neighbourhoods within a mile (or more) of the hill where people in central and east Swansea are able to

benefit from its free open access, especially the parts designated as access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

- Its natural regeneration of the woodland with deciduous trees taking over from pine trees provides carbon sequestration and increasing unique ecology (with wider connections to surrounding areas such as the Tawe corridor) greatly benefiting the local environment, the people of Swansea and us all in south Wales and beyond.
- Kilvey Hill being greatly valued by the people of the east side of Swansea, and it is their only major nature space for them where people do not have to drive in order to explore it. It became an important woodland and open space sanctuary for people during the Covid pandemic and has remained so ever since - as it is now - without any buildings (outside of the site housing the transmitters hidden behind trees) at the top of the hill. With open natural grassland and heathland stretching into the distance rather than being concreted over.

Much of this would be lost, and/or severely diminished under the control of a private company leasing the land and by the attempted development of a leisure facility by Skyline Swansea Ltd (or any other company which may obtain a lease should the proposed disposal or a similar such disposal go ahead).

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    - the loss of unrestricted open access to the land currently enjoyed by people and that has been so for generations.
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- Natural grassland would be lost and concreted over, and areas of woodland would be lost at a detriment to the local environment and local people's enjoyment of Kilvey Hill.
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Given such losses (along with many others not listed) would cause a massive detriment to many local communities surrounding Kilvey Hill, the proposed land disposal would contradict and go against the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The notice <u>does NOT</u> explain or justify how such a land disposal would be of benefit to the surrounding local communities at all, let alone in a way that would supposedly make up for any of these losses.

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Whilst those who need assistance would be able to have greater access to the views from the top, they too would no longer be able to experience the very nature of the place as it exists today, the quietness (without any development), the large expanse of natural open grassland at the top and existing areas of woodland that would be lost for them too. The very nature and essence of the place would be lost.

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R257a

Howard French

From:	webmaster@swansea.gov.uk
Sent:	05 February 2024 19:26
To:	Kilvey Hill POSN
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Comments	I am concerned by the loss of valuable open access land here that is widely used for cycling and walking by the local community. It is important heathland and will lead to habitat loss. Also concerned development here will lead to enhanced water run off, erosion and landslides close to residential properties.

R258a

Howard French

From:
Sent: 05 February 2024 19:50
To: Kilvey Hill POSN
Subject: Objection to the Proposed Development

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Monday 5th February 2024

The Council of the City and County of Swansea,

Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road,

Swansea.

SA1 3SN

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Development by Skyline Enterprises in Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai.

Dear Head of Property Services,

I am writing to object to the current proposal of 'disposal of land' on Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai, reference "Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE"). At the same time, this objection extends to any planning applications submitted by Skyline International Ltd to Swansea Council under the proposals to build a tourist attraction leisure park on top of Kilvey Hill.

The reasons for this objection are many-fold but include the following:.

- Wildlife preservation (species of birds, animals, trees, disruption of natural habitats).
- Preservation of green open spaces
- Kilvey Hill is one of our nation's Designated Quiet Areas [preemptive complaint of noise pollution from construction and function of facility].

- Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, founded in 1865 condemns the plans for Swansea Skyline project (https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/)
- The resulting impact on the landscape of Swansea as a city, and the ongoing impact of such construction works and how this will very likely impact traffic and put more strain on already-heavy traffic areas of the city.
- The potential loss of Landore Park and Ride facilities
- The likely abandonment of the project when profits are not realised and the remnants of the structures that will be left as an eyesore seen around the city 360*.
- The impact on the city's carbon footprint and the additional predicted load of 12,000+ cars.
- The goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act promoting community, environment and equality regardless of circumstance.
- Being that Kilvey Hill is a large open space in our immediate urban environment, it's a green space that can be accessed on foot by the city's residents, many of whom might be limited to travel due to socioeconomic reasons.
- The current proposals do not sit with the Planning Framework for Wales and appears more as a vanity project.
- It is particularly concerning that Dawn Bowden MS has gushing comments about it in memory from her holiday spent in Queensland, New Zealand - it is easy to romanticise ideas when on a thrill/high on holiday, and ignore the realistic differences between two locations, Queensland, New Zealand and Swansea, Wales. This particular point feels like corruption. See an image of Queensland below. Queensland, New Zealand is the second most popular tourist destination in New Zealand next to Auckland, with an estimated one-million tourists to the area in 2019. In the same year, they estimate a similar number visited Wales - but the whole country, not a single city. Wales has far less international tourism Scotland and England, and therefore less happenstance foot-fall https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmwelaf/220/report.html#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20only%201.02%20million.more%20international%20visitors%20than%20Wales.)
- Queensland is a 'resort town'. It also happens to be where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and invites many tourists annual to visit the hobbit houses, which are still present and maintained. Queensland is also nicknamed 'the adventure capital of the world'. Can we please acknowledge here that Swansea is worlds' apart in terms of location and current tourism levels/pull. Most people don't visit Queensland to go to the Skyline Park. They go to Queensland for a myriad of other reasons, and there happens to be a Skyline facility there, which people use.
- The public are questioning whether this is the best use of public funds and are being ignored. We have seen cuts to the bus services, which many people are upset about, .and St Helen's stadium is requiring maintenance/renovation to bring to standard - an aspect of the city that can be a consistent income for tourism.
- Should the new Skypark project fail, or become a 'white elephant' it will be a rotting eyesore for the city to witness as Kilvey Hill can be directly observed all around the city.
- The current "funding" that both the Welsh Government (£4m) and Swansea Council (£8m) have somehow suddenly came into possession of after closing down schools and putting pressure on libraries and other suffering leisure facilities could be better spent elsewhere. There must be transparency around where this money is coming from and it made clear at what expense of other projects.
- The alleged report by Kada Research, a company specialising in writing business plans that 'win', that has claimed the profitable forecasted returns on the Skyline has not been shared with the main stakeholders involved (the People of the City and County of Swansea). Such reports that have such massive weight within any local business deal involving public money should be freely available for public scrutiny within any working democracy. This report however has not been shown to citizens - with particular frustration from those with the strongest feelings against the project.
- The hill is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill).
- Not all public footpaths have been recorded correctly. Quote from Open Spaces Society "[Swansea Council] have ignored the fact that much of Kilvey Hill is recorded as public-access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/countryside-and-rights-of-way-act-2000-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf), where people have the right to walk freely, and enjoy the expansive views over Swansea Bay. That freedom would be impaired by the development." "The society argues that the proposed development would have a devastating effect on Kilvey Hill, which

is a special area, loved by local people and visitors for its opportunities for informal public access on foot, horseback, bike, and horse-drawn carriage." https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/

- Concern for Crymlyn Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest which will be downhill of this proposed construction and as a result will be impacted by the works.
- How much infrastructure will need to be put in place for a commercial facility of this nature, think sewers for toilets, electric cables for power. I've been told commercial facilities require much different set to private houses. Think of the amount of human waste that will require pumping down the hill to the mains at the bottom.
- These plans were pre-covid. We now have a new found acknowledgment for the importance of nature within urban spaces generally as a society.
- There is very little transparency around this project or 'disposal' particularly around the length of time for lease. Some are suggesting the council are leasing it for 125 years to Skyline. This is not acceptable.
- Is Swansea council even allowed to do this? As a freedom of information request, who are the owners of Kilvey Hill, and do Swansea Council have the legal right to lease it.

Evidence of Community Opposition:

A petition recently held over 3,000 signatures from local residents who object to this development. The central concern highlighted in the petition is the allocation of public funds to a tourist attraction, particularly in a designated quiet area. The community voices strong opposition against utilising public resources for a project that threatens the tranquillity and traditional use of the designated quiet area and instead urges that public funds be directed towards projects that uphold the serene character of the area and serve the local residents' interests.

Impact Analysis

The proposed development threatens to disrupt the tranquillity of the designated quiet area, adversely affecting the residents, wildlife, and the activities at St. Thomas Bowling Green, and other areas of the Hill. As proposed, the continuous operation of the Sky Swing from morning to 11 PM poses a significant noise nuisance, fundamentally altering the quiet character of the area. This is just in reference to the Sky Swing, where additional noise is anticipated from the general attraction.

Alternative Suggestions:

We suggest exploring alternative locations for the proposed Sky Swing and general Skyline development that are not located within or near designated quiet areas or revising the operating hours to minimize noise disturbances during the quiet hours observed in the area.

Conclusion:

We strongly urge Swansea Council to consider the adverse impacts of the proposed development on the designated quiet area and the broader community. We would like to ask that the planning application [Application Number] for the Sky Swing development by Skyline Enterprises be denied, ensuring the preservation of the tranquility and integrity of the designated quiet area for the present and future generations.

Thank you very much for considering our objection. We're looking forward to engaging further in the planning process to ensure that the interests and well-being of the community are upheld.

Sincerely,

[Your Name/Your Group's Name]

Planning application Numbers: Ref. No: 2023/1748/FUL

2022/2986/SCR

Disposal reference: (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE")

See policy and supporting legal references overleaf.

Policy and legal references

There are several pieces of legislation that bring question to the current actions. These are included under the following:

1. Noise [Kilvey Hill - Designed Quiet Area, Welsh Government.
2. Well-being and environment needs of the community before development and profit
3. Lack of appropriate assessments, e.g. traffic and carbon footprint, environmental.
4. Disregard of green infrastructure

This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

i) The Planning Policy Wales (Ed. 11, 2021)

ii) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)

iii) Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006)

iv) Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013)

v) Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)

vi) The Environment (Wales) Act (2016)

vii) Public Health (Wales) Act (2017)

viii) Environmental Protection Act (1990)

The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006) require our environmental noise action plans to identify "quiet areas in agglomerations" and aim to protect them against an increase in noise. The Welsh Ministers confirmed the designation of 63 quiet areas in agglomerations, with the agreement with the relevant local authorities, when drawing up the first national noise action plan for Wales in 2013. These designations remain in place following EU Exit. (Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028: gov.waleshttps://www.gov.wales › filesPDFNoise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028)

The Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf) articulates that"6.7.12 Planning authorities must consider current and future sources of air and noise pollution as part of developing their strategies for locating new development. The pattern of proposed development should be informed by the sensitivity of, and compatibility of, uses in relation to the sources of airborne pollution and the importance of ensuring appropriate soundscapes. Green infrastructure provision will be an important means of addressing the cumulative impacts of air and noise pollution and soundscapes on individuals and society and provide benefits for social and ecosystems resilience".

"6.7.18 Early consideration is required to ascertain whether the location and design of proposed development is acceptable where air pollution or noisegenerating development is likely to affect a protected species, or is proposed in an area likely to affect a statutorily designated site (such as Natura 2000 sites or SSSIs) or a tranquil urban green space (including but not limited to formally designated 'quiet areas') valued for the restorative respite and contact with nature that they offer to residents of busy towns and cities."

"6.7.25 Planning authorities should identify areas of cultural or historic importance to be given special consideration in terms of soundscape where this may be necessary to safeguard the vibrancy of places or provide tranquil, restorative environments within busy built-up areas. As well as this, it will be invaluable to identify synergies between the mapping of green infrastructure and the moderating effect the protection of, or provision of, green infrastructure may have in terms of maintaining good air quality and appropriate soundscapes. This will include, but is not limited to, protecting tranquillity, the role of tranquil green spaces such as the 'quiet areas' designated in noise action plans and the benefits of green infrastructure as part of good design."

"1. The planning system manages the development and use of land in the public interest, prioritising long term collective benefit, contributing to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It must reconcile the needs of development and conservation, securing economy, efficiency and amenity in the use of land, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and protecting, promoting, conserving and enhancing the built and historic environment."

One of the Key Planning Principles: "Fig 4. Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact. Natural, historic and cultural assets must be protected, promoted, conserved and enhanced. Negative environmental impacts should be avoided in the wider public interest. This means acting in the long term to respect environmental limits and operating in an integrated way so that resources and/ or assets are not irreversibly damaged or depleted. The polluter pays principle applies where pollution cannot be prevented and applying the precautionary principle ensures cost effective measures to prevent environmental damage."

4.1.45 "Local authorities must adopt an integrated approach to traffic management. They should consider how different measures can complement one another and contribute to the achievement of wider planning and transport objectives, implementing the Active Travel Act (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/active-travel-act-guidance.pdf) and reducing exposure to air and noise pollution, taking into account the needs of the disabled and less mobile sections of the community."

4.1.56 "Planning applications for developments, including changes of use, falling into the categories identified in TAN 18: Transport27 must be accompanied by a Transport Assessment. In addition, in areas where the transport network is particularly sensitive, planning authorities should consider requiring Transport Assessments for developments which fall outside of the thresholds set out in TAN 18. Transport Assessments can be required for any proposed development if the planning authority considers that there is a justification or specific need. Transport Assessments provide the basis for negotiation on scheme details, including the level of parking, and measures to improve walking, cycling, and public transport access, as well as measures to limit or reduce levels of air and noise pollution. They should cover the transport impacts during the construction phase of the development, as well as when built and in use. Transport Assessments also provide an important basis for the preparation of Travel Plans. Further guidance on Transport Assessments and Travel Plans is contained in TAN 18."

Green Infrastructure 6.2.1 6.2.2 6.2.3 "Green infrastructure is the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. Component elements of green infrastructure can function at different scales. At the landscape scale green infrastructure can comprise entire ecosystems such as wetlands, waterways and mountain ranges. At a local scale, it might comprise parks, fields, public rights of way, allotments, cemeteries and gardens. At smaller scales, individual urban interventions such as street trees, hedgerows, roadside verges, and green roofs/walls can all contribute to green infrastructure networks.

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted) provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity between and within ecosystems and the extent, condition and connectivity of ecosystems and their ability to adapt. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty113. Green infrastructure is capable of providing several functions at the same time and as a result offers multiple benefits, for social, economic and cultural as well as environmental resilience. The components of green infrastructure, by improving the resilience of ecosystems, can result in positive benefits to well-being including f lood management, water purification, improved air quality, reduced noise

pollution and local climate moderation, climate change mitigation and food production. These benefits are important in urban environments where they can facilitate health and well-being related benefits of open space, clean air and improved tranquility, for example, as well as creating a sense of place and improved social cohesion. In addition, green infrastructure has a role in protecting local distinctiveness, providing economic benefits and social and community opportunities."

Integrating Green Infrastructure and Development 6.2.4 6.2.5 131 "Green infrastructure plays a fundamental role in shaping places and our sense of well-being, and are intrinsic to the quality of the spaces we live, work and play in. The planning system should protect and enhance green infrastructure assets and networks because of these multi-functional roles. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity must be carefully considered as part of green infrastructure provision alongside the need to meet society's wider social and economic objectives and the needs of local communities. The multiple benefits that resilient ecosystems and green infrastructure offer to society, including the economic and social contribution they make to local areas, should be taken into account when balancing and improving these needs."

Air Quality and Soundscape 6.7.1 6.7.2 "Clean air and an appropriate soundscape, contribute to a positive experience of place as well as being necessary for public health, amenity and well-being. They are indicators of local environmental quality and integral qualities of place which should be protected through preventative or proactive action through the planning system. Conversely, air, noise and light pollution can have negative effects on people, biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems and should be reduced as far as possible. 6.7.3 6.7.4 Certain sounds, such as those created by trees, birds or water features, can contribute to a sense of tranquillity whilst others can be reassuring as a consequence of their association with the normality of everyday activities. Problematic forms of sound are generally experienced as noise pollution and can affect amenity and be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Noise action plans146 drawn up by public bodies aim to prevent and reduce noise levels where necessary and preserve soundscape quality where it is good. Noise levels used to identify priority areas contained in noise action plans are usually set quite high in order to focus resources on the most polluted areas and noise must meet a number of tests before it qualifies as a statutory nuisance. Lower levels of noise, however, can still be annoying or disruptive and impact on amenity and as such should be protected through the planning process wherever necessary. The planning system must protect amenity and it is not acceptable to rely on statutory nuisance under the **Environmental Protection Act (1990)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents) to do so."

6.7.4 "Predicted levels of air and noise pollution on individuals, society and the environment and identify and pursue any opportunities to reduce, or at least, minimise population exposure to air and noise pollution, and improve soundscapes, where it is practical and feasible to do so."

6.7.5 "In taking forward these broad objectives the key planning policy principle is to consider the effects which proposed developments may have on air or soundscape quality and the effects which existing air or soundscape quality may have on proposed developments. Air Quality and soundscape influence choice of location and distribution of development and it will be important to consider the relationship of proposed development to existing development and its surrounding area and its potential to exacerbate or create poor air quality or inappropriate soundscapes. The agent of change principle says that a business or person responsible for introducing a change is responsible for managing that change. In practice, for example, this means a developer would have to ensure that solutions to address air quality or noise from nearby pre-existing infrastructure, businesses or venues can be found and implemented as part of ensuring development is acceptable."

7.7 6.7.8 To assist decision making it will be important that the most appropriate level of information is provided and it may be necessary for a technical air quality and noise assessment to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and competent person on behalf of the developer.

" National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes. Maximising Environmental Protection and Limiting Environmental Impact Resilient biodiversity and ecosystems Distinctive and special landscapes Integrated green infrastructure Appropriate soundscapes Reduces environmental risks Manages water resources naturally Clean air Reduces overall pollution Resilient to climate change Distinctive and special historic environments.

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Placemaking - Distinctive & Natural Places Landscape / Coastal Areas / Historic Environment / Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity / Water, Air, Soundscape & Light / Flooding / De-risking

Environmental Considerations • will important features of the natural and built environment be protected and enhanced; • are the environ

Strategic and spatial conditions: includes considering the design of a development and its impacts upon everyday lives as well as thinking holistically about where people might live and work and which areas should be protected

Good design can help to ensure high environmental quality. Landscape and green infrastructure considerations are an integral part of the design process. Integrating green infrastructure is not limited to focusing on landscape and ecology, rather, consideration should be given to all features of the natural environment and how these function together to contribute toward the quality of places. This embraces the principles of 'ecosystems services' and sustainable management of natural resources where multiple benefits solution become an integral part of good design. In a similar manner, addressing environmental risks can make a positive contribution to environmental protection and improvement, addressing land contamination, instability and flood risk and providing for biodiversity, climate protection, improved air quality, soundscape and water resources benefits. Character The special characteristics of an area should be central to the design of a development. The layout, form, scale and visual appearance of a proposed development and its relationship to its surroundings are important planning considerations. A clear rationale behind the design decisions made, based on site and context analysis, a strong vision, performance requirements and design principles, should be sought throughout the development process and expr

Placemaking in Rural Areas The countryside is a dynamic and multi-purpose resource. In line with sustainable development and the national planning principles and in contributing towards placemaking outcomes, it must be conserved and, where possible, enhanced for the sake of its ecological, geological, physiographic, historical, archaeological, cultural and agricultural value and for its landscape and natural resources. The need to conserve these attributes should be balanced against the economic, social and recreational needs of local communities and visitors. Fostering adaptability and resilience will be a key aim for rural places in the face of the considerable challenge of maintaining the vibrancy of communities and availability of services as well as contributing to the Cohesive Communities well-being goal. This is coupled with ensuring the countryside is resilient to the impacts of climate change and plays a role in reducing the causes of climate change through the protection of carbon sinks and as a sustainable energy source in line with the Resilient Wales well-being goal.

Managing Settlement Form – Green Belts and Green Wedges Around towns and cities there may be a need to protect open land from development. This can be achieved through the identification of Green Belts and/or local designations, such as green wedges. Proposals for both Green Belts and green wedges must be soundly based and should only be employed where there is a demonstrable need to protect the urban form and alternative policy mechanisms, such as settlement boundaries, would not be sufficiently robust. The essential difference between them is that land within a Green Belt should be protected for a longer period than the relevant current development plan period, whereas green wedge policies should be reviewed as part of the development plan review process. The main aim of Green Belts is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.

A Resilient Wales is supported by protecting existing communities and natural environments while promoting well connected infrastructure and facilities closer to where people live. Good housing, access to services, green spaces and community facilities help to create the right conditions for better health and well-being.

The Planning Act introduced a statutory purpose for the planning system. Any statutory body carrying out a planning function must exercise those functions in accordance with the principles of sustainable development as defined

Well-being of Future Generations Act. The planning system is central to achieving sustainable development in Wales. It provides the legislative and policy framework to manage the use and

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development of land in the public interest so that it contributes positively to the achievement of the well-being goal

The Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, has made a strong objection to plans to desecrate Kilvey Hill, east of Swansea. "Sacrificed for a vanity project" https://www.oss.org.uk/kilvey-hill-swansea-must-not-be-sacrificed-for-a-vanity-project/#:~:text=We%20have%20objected%20strongly%20to,sacrificed%20for%20a%20vanity%20project.' The recovery of nature is immensely important, so too is the recovery of people. The pandemic has shown the value of local spaces to health and well-being, but they need stronger laws and duties to protect them.'

This proposal is not inline with any of the Goals of the **Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents)

"The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change."

R 259a

Howard French

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Open space is there for the benefit of the general public should be sacrosanct. Allowing a private company to gain from this land while restricting public access should never be allowed

R260a

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Comments

I object to the proposed disposal of land belonging to Kilvey Hill. Kilvey woodland is a previously degraded habitat in which biodiversity loss has been restored by the local community over the past 50 years, the community feel the hill belongs to them, not to the council.
In the context of the climate and nature crisis, it is essential to balance economic benefits with long-term implications for community well-being, mental health, environmental health and nature connection.
Kilvey Hill is an area high in deprivation that currently benefits from activities on the Hill that improve mental health, social well-being and quality of life. It is the only green space in Swansea East whose Welfare Value is not being taken into account..
The proposal doesn't meet Swansea Council's goals for health and social well-being, tackling climate change, enhancing biodiversity and nature recovery. The development would destroy 50 years of work to transform

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this former industrial wasteland into a vibrant community space used by over 60 community groups.

The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015); Swansea PSB's Assessment of Local Well-being (2022); Swansea PSB's Local Well-being Plan 2023-2028; the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales: A resilient Wales, and Swansea Council's Climate Change and Nature Recovery (n.d.) all make it clear that this proposal flies in the face of this national legislation and local plans.

A study from Swansea University on the importance of green spaces to the mental health and well-being of adults in Wales and the impact of inequalities that exist and found having access to green spaces means the likelihood of developing a common mental health disorder is reduced with the greatest benefits to those living in deprived areas. They conclude: 'these findings support authorities responsible for [green space access], who are attempting to engage planners and policy makers, to ensure [green space access] meets residents' needs'. This research including 2.3 million Welsh adults must be taken seriously by planners. Everyone involved in the Skyline proposal should read this study. (Geary, R. S., et al.,2023). The Lancet Planetary Health, 7(10).

The Welsh government is committws to social prescribing as a key strategy for health and well-being. Research on green spaces, social prescribing and return on investment in North Wales (Makanjuola, A., et al., 2023) found that for every £1 invested in the ODO (Opening the Doors to the Outdoors) programme, social values ranging from £4.90 to £5.36 were generated. With an impressive sample size of 52,000, the study found that overall health and mental well-being and increased socialisation improved when individuals experiencing poor mental health and well-being (referred by GPs, community mental health services,and third sector organisations) took part in the ODO project.

Social prescribing has already used Kilvey Hill as a site for activities and the research evaluation on behalf of Coed Lleol showed the overwhelming positive benefit of this approach to mental health and well-being for very low investment (Coed Lleol Green-Infrastructure-Project Evaluation report (2022-23).

The lack of access to green spaces for people in the East of Swansea if Skyline goes ahead is a social justice issue. Non-consumptive recreations in woodlands have been linked to improvements in mood, cognition and well-being, and reductions in anxiety and depression symptoms. Their life expectancy, health and life outcomes are
already lower than those in the West. The loss of this important green space and designated quiet area will exacerbate inequality.

Finally, Cilfái: Woodland Management and Climate Change on Kilvey Hill, Swansea (Robins, 2023) documents the incredible biodiversity that is emerging on Kilvey Hill as a direct result of the tending of the woodland from Kilvey Woodland Volunteers and the community.

An array of policies and charters underscore Swansea Council's commitment to climate change and nature recovery (e.g. Charter on Climate Change, 2020; Climate Change and Nature Strategy, n.d.a; Net Zero 2030 Policies, n.d.b; Notice of Motion – Nature Emergency, 2022), which illustrate the multiple and urgent challenges facing Swansea's environment (e.g. declining biodiversity and ecosystem resilience, the multiple benefits of green infrastructure; air quality impacts on health; opportunities for active and sustainable transport). These concerns echo the overwhelming message from the State of Our Natural Resources Report (Natural Resources Wales, 2020). The council must make sure that there are healthy places for people, protected from environmental risk, particularly the case in the more deprived communities' like Kilvey Hill.

The extremely tendacious claim that Skyline's potential economic benefit to Swansea could mitigate the loss of the iconic, historical site of biodiversity, the only urban woodland in Swansea East is laughable.

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Ref number:	DVP-00274779/SAE
Comments	Horrific waste of tax payers money and disturbance to nature. This should not be allowed.

R 262a

Howard French

From:
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Subject: Opposition to 'disposal' of land at Kilvey Hill DVP-00274779/SAE

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Monday 5th February 2024

The Council of the City and County of Swansea,

Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road,

Swansea.

SA1 3SN

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Development by Skyline Enterprises in Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai.

Dear Head of Property Services,

I am writing to object to the current proposal of 'disposal of land' on Kilvey Hill/Mynydd Cilfai, reference "Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE"). At the same time, this objection extends to any planning applications submitted by Skyline International Ltd to Swansea Council under the proposals to build a tourist attraction leisure park on top of Kilvey Hill.

The reasons for this objection are many-fold but include the following:.

- Wildlife preservation (species of birds, animals, trees, disruption of natural habitats).
- Preservation of green open spaces
- Kilvey Hill is one of our nation's Designated Quiet Areas [preemptive complaint of noise pollution from construction and function of facility].
- Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, founded in 1865 condemns the plans for Swansea Skyline project (https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/)
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- Being that Kilvey Hill is a large open space in our immediate urban environment, it's a green space that can be accessed on foot by the city's residents, many of whom might be limited to travel due to socioeconomic reasons.
- The current proposals do not sit with the Planning Framework for Wales and appears more as a vanity project.
- It is particularly concerning that Dawn Bowden MS has gushing comments about it in memory from her holiday spent in Queensland, New Zealand - it is easy to romanticise ideas when on a thrill/high on holiday, and ignore the realistic differences between two locations, Queensland, New Zealand and Swansea, Wales. This particular point feels like corruption. See an image of Queensland below. Queensland, New Zealand is the second most popular tourist destination in New Zealand next to Auckland, with an estimated one-million tourists to the area in 2019. In the same year, they estimate a similar number visited Wales - but the whole country, not a single city. Wales has far less international tourism Scotland and England, and therefore less happenstance foot-fall https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5803/cmselect/cmwelaf/220/report.html#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20only%201.02%20million,more%20international%20visitors%20than%20Wales.)
- Queensland is a 'resort town'. It also happens to be where they filmed the Lord of the Rings and invites many tourists annual to visit the hobbit houses, which are still present and maintained. Queensland is also nicknamed 'the adventure capital of the world'. Can we please acknowledge here that Swansea is worlds' apart in terms of location and current tourism levels/pull. Most people don't visit Queensland to go to the Skyline Park. They go to Queensland for a myriad of other reasons, and there happens to be a Skyline facility there, which people use.
- The public are questioning whether this is the best use of public funds and are being ignored. We have seen cuts to the bus services, which many people are upset about, .and St Helen's stadium is requiring maintenance/renovation to bring to standard - an aspect of the city that can be a consistent income for tourism.
- Should the new Skypark project fail, or become a 'white elephant' it will be a rotting eyesore for the city to witness as Kilvey Hill can be directly observed all around the city.
- The current "funding" that both the Welsh Government (£4m) and Swansea Council (£8m) have somehow suddenly came into possession of after closing down schools and putting pressure on libraries and other suffering leisure facilities could be better spent elsewhere. There must be transparency around where this money is coming from and it made clear at what expense of other projects.
- The alleged report by Kada Research, a company specialising in writing business plans that 'win', that has claimed the profitable forecasted returns on the Skyline has not been shared with the main stakeholders involved (the People of the City and County of Swansea). Such reports that have such massive weight within any local business deal involving public money should be freely available for public scrutiny within any working democracy. This report however has not been shown to citizens - with particular frustration from those with the strongest feelings against the project.
- The hill is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs 228, Pluck Lake and 224 Kilvey Hill).
- Not all public footpaths have been recorded correctly. Quote from Open Spaces Society "[Swansea Council] have ignored the fact that much of Kilvey Hill is recorded as public-access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/countryside-and-rights-of-way-act-2000-guidance-for-local-authorities.pdf), where people have the right to walk freely, and enjoy the expansive views over Swansea Bay. That freedom would be impaired by the development." "The society argues that the proposed development would have a devastating effect on Kilvey Hill, which is a special area, loved by local people and visitors for its opportunities for informal public access on foot, horseback, bike, and horse-drawn carriage." https://www.oss.org.uk/we-condemn-skyline-development-at-swansea-beauty-spot/
- Concern for Crymlyn Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest which will be downhill of this proposed construction and as a result will be impacted by the works.
- How much infrastructure will need to be put in place for a commercial facility of this nature, think sewers for toilets, electric cables for power. I've been told commercial facilities require much

different set to private houses. Think of the amount of human waste that will require pumping down the hill to the mains at the bottom.
- These plans were pre-covid. We now have a new found acknowledgment for the importance of nature within urban spaces generally as a society.
- There is very little transparency around this project or 'disposal' particularly around the length of time for lease. Some are suggesting the council are leasing it for 125 years to Skyline. This is not acceptable.
- Is Swansea council even allowed to do this? As a freedom of information request, who are the owners of Kilvey Hill, and do Swansea Council have the legal right to lease it.

Evidence of Community Opposition:

A petition recently held over 3,000 signatures from local residents who object to this development. The central concern highlighted in the petition is the allocation of public funds to a tourist attraction, particularly in a designated quiet area. The community voices strong opposition against utilising public resources for a project that threatens the tranquillity and traditional use of the designated quiet area and instead urges that public funds be directed towards projects that uphold the serene character of the area and serve the local residents' interests.

Impact Analysis

The proposed development threatens to disrupt the tranquillity of the designated quiet area, adversely affecting the residents, wildlife, and the activities at St. Thomas Bowling Green, and other areas of the Hill. As proposed, the continuous operation of the Sky Swing from morning to 11 PM poses a significant noise nuisance, fundamentally altering the quiet character of the area. This is just in reference to the Sky Swing, where additional noise is anticipated from the general attraction.

Alternative Suggestions:

We suggest exploring alternative locations for the proposed Sky Swing and general Skyline development that are not located within or near designated quiet areas or revising the operating hours to minimize noise disturbances during the quiet hours observed in the area.

Conclusion:

We strongly urge Swansea Council to consider the adverse impacts of the proposed development on the designated quiet area and the broader community. We would like to ask that the planning application [Application Number] for the Sky Swing development by Skyline Enterprises be denied, ensuring the preservation of the tranquility and integrity of the designated quiet area for the present and future generations.

Thank you very much for considering our objection. We're looking forward to engaging further in the planning process to ensure that the interests and well-being of the community are upheld.

Sincerely,

Planning application Numbers: Ref. No: 2023/1748/FUL

2022/2986/SCR

Disposal reference: (reference number "DVP-00274779/SAE")

See policy and supporting legal references overleaf.

Policy and legal references

There are several pieces of legislation that bring question to the current actions. These are included under the following:

1. Noise [Kilvey Hill - Designed Quiet Area, Welsh Government.
2. Well-being and environment needs of the community before development and profit
3. Lack of appropriate assessments, e.g. traffic and carbon footprint, environmental.
4. Disregard of green infrastructure

This legislation includes, but is not limited to:

i) The Planning Policy Wales (Ed. 11, 2021)

ii) The Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)

iii) Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006)

iv) Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013)

v) Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000)

vi) The Environment (Wales) Act (2016)

vii) Public Health (Wales) Act (2017)

viii) Environmental Protection Act (1990)

The Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations (2006) require our environmental noise action plans to identify "quiet areas in agglomerations" and aim to protect them against an increase in noise. The Welsh Ministers confirmed the designation of 63 quiet areas in agglomerations, with the agreement with the relevant local authorities, when drawing up the first national noise action plan for Wales in 2013. These designations remain in place following EU Exit. (Noise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028: gov.waleshttps://www.gov.wales › filesPDFNoise and Soundscape Plan for Wales 2023-2028)

The Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11 (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-02/planning-policy-wales-edition-11_0.pdf) articulates that"6.7.12 Planning authorities must consider current and future sources of air and noise pollution as part of developing their strategies for locating new development. The pattern of proposed development should be informed by the sensitivity of, and compatibility of, uses in relation to the sources of airborne pollution and the importance of ensuring appropriate soundscapes. Green infrastructure provision will be an important means of addressing the cumulative impacts of air and noise pollution and soundscapes on individuals and society and provide benefits for social and ecosystems resilience".

"6.7.18 Early consideration is required to ascertain whether the location and design of proposed development is acceptable where air pollution or noisegenerating development is likely to affect a protected species, or is proposed in an area likely to affect a statutorily designated site (such as Natura 2000 sites or SSSIs) or a tranquil urban green space (including but not limited to formally designated 'quiet areas') valued for the restorative respite and contact with nature that they offer to residents of busy towns and cities."

"6.7.25 Planning authorities should identify areas of cultural or historic importance to be given special consideration in terms of soundscape where this may be necessary to safeguard the vibrancy of places or provide tranquil, restorative environments within busy built-up areas. As well as this, it will be invaluable to identify synergies between the mapping of green infrastructure and the moderating effect the protection of, or provision of, green infrastructure may have in terms of maintaining good air quality and appropriate soundscapes. This will include, but is not limited to, protecting tranquillity, the role of tranquil green spaces

such as the 'quiet areas' designated in noise action plans and the benefits of green infrastructure as part of good design."

"1. The planning system manages the development and use of land in the public interest, prioritising long term collective benefit, contributing to improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It must reconcile the needs of development and conservation, securing economy, efficiency and amenity in the use of land, ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources and protecting, promoting, conserving and enhancing the built and historic environment."

One of the Key Planning Principles: "Fig 4. Maximising environmental protection and limiting environmental impact. Natural, historic and cultural assets must be protected, promoted, conserved and enhanced. Negative environmental impacts should be avoided in the wider public interest. This means acting in the long term to respect environmental limits and operating in an integrated way so that resources and/ or assets are not irreversibly damaged or depleted. The polluter pays principle applies where pollution cannot be prevented and applying the precautionary principle ensures cost effective measures to prevent environmental damage."

4.1.45 "Local authorities must adopt an integrated approach to traffic management. They should consider how different measures can complement one another and contribute to the achievement of wider planning and transport objectives, implementing the Active Travel Act (https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/active-travel-act-guidance.pdf) and reducing exposure to air and noise pollution, taking into account the needs of the disabled and less mobile sections of the community."

4.1.56 "Planning applications for developments, including changes of use, falling into the categories identified in TAN 18: Transport27 must be accompanied by a Transport Assessment. In addition, in areas where the transport network is particularly sensitive, planning authorities should consider requiring Transport Assessments for developments which fall outside of the thresholds set out in TAN 18. Transport Assessments can be required for any proposed development if the planning authority considers that there is a justification or specific need. Transport Assessments provide the basis for negotiation on scheme details, including the level of parking, and measures to improve walking, cycling, and public transport access, as well as measures to limit or reduce levels of air and noise pollution. They should cover the transport impacts during the construction phase of the development, as well as when built and in use. Transport Assessments also provide an important basis for the preparation of Travel Plans. Further guidance on Transport Assessments and Travel Plans is contained in TAN 18."

Green Infrastructure 6.2.1 6.2.2 6.2.3 "Green infrastructure is the network of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, rivers and lakes that intersperse and connect places. Component elements of green infrastructure can function at different scales. At the landscape scale green infrastructure can comprise entire ecosystems such as wetlands, waterways and mountain ranges. At a local scale, it might comprise parks, fields, public rights of way, allotments, cemeteries and gardens. At smaller scales, individual urban interventions such as street trees, hedgerows, roadside verges, and green roofs/walls can all contribute to green infrastructure networks.

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/3/contents/enacted) provides a context for the delivery of multi-functional green infrastructure. Its provision can make a significant contribution to the sustainable management of natural resources, and in particular to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in terms of the diversity between and within ecosystems and the extent, condition and connectivity of ecosystems and their ability to adapt. This means that the development of green infrastructure is an important way for local authorities to deliver their Section 6 duty113. Green infrastructure is capable of providing several functions at the same time and as a result offers multiple benefits, for social, economic and cultural as well as environmental resilience. The components of green infrastructure, by improving the resilience of ecosystems, can result in positive benefits to well-being including flood management, water purification, improved air quality, reduced noise pollution and local climate moderation, climate change mitigation and food production. These benefits are important in urban environments where they can facilitate health and well-being related benefits of open space, clean air and improved tranquility, for example, as well as creating a sense of place and improved social cohesion. In addition, green infrastructure has a role in protecting local distinctiveness, providing economic benefits and social and community opportunities."

Integrating Green Infrastructure and Development 6.2.4 6.2.5 131 "Green infrastructure plays a fundamental role in shaping places and our sense of well-being, and are intrinsic to the quality of the spaces we live, work and play in. The planning system should protect and enhance green infrastructure assets and networks because of these multi-functional roles. The protection and enhancement of biodiversity must be carefully considered as part of green infrastructure provision alongside the need to meet society's wider social and economic objectives and the needs of local communities. The multiple benefits that resilient ecosystems and green infrastructure offer to society, including the economic and social contribution they make to local areas, should be taken into account when balancing and improving these needs."

Air Quality and Soundscape 6.7.1 6.7.2 "Clean air and an appropriate soundscape, contribute to a positive experience of place as well as being necessary for public health, amenity and well-being. They are indicators of local environmental quality and integral qualities of place which should be protected through preventative or proactive action through the planning system. Conversely, air, noise and light pollution can have negative effects on people, biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems and should be reduced as far as possible. 6.7.3 6.7.4 Certain sounds, such as those created by trees, birds or water features, can contribute to a sense of tranquillity whilst others can be reassuring as a consequence of their association with the normality of everyday activities. Problematic forms of sound are generally experienced as noise pollution and can affect amenity and be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Noise action plans146 drawn up by public bodies aim to prevent and reduce noise levels where necessary and preserve soundscape quality where it is good. Noise levels used to identify priority areas contained in noise action plans are usually set quite high in order to focus resources on the most polluted areas and noise must meet a number of tests before it qualifies as a statutory nuisance. Lower levels of noise, however, can still be annoying or disruptive and impact on amenity and as such should be protected through the planning process wherever necessary. The planning system must protect amenity and it is not acceptable to rely on statutory nuisance under the **Environmental Protection Act (1990)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents) to do so."

6.7.4 "Predicted levels of air and noise pollution on individuals, society and the environment and identify and pursue any opportunities to reduce, or at least, minimise population exposure to air and noise pollution, and improve soundscapes, where it is practical and feasible to do so."

6.7.5 "In taking forward these broad objectives the key planning policy principle is to consider the effects which proposed developments may have on air or soundscape quality and the effects which existing air or soundscape quality may have on proposed developments. Air Quality and soundscape influence choice of location and distribution of development and it will be important to consider the relationship of proposed development to existing development and its surrounding area and its potential to exacerbate or create poor air quality or inappropriate soundscapes. The agent of change principle says that a business or person responsible for introducing a change is responsible for managing that change. In practice, for example, this means a developer would have to ensure that solutions to address air quality or noise from nearby pre-existing infrastructure, businesses or venues can be found and implemented as part of ensuring development is acceptable."

7.7 6.7.8 To assist decision making it will be important that the most appropriate level of information is provided and it may be necessary for a technical air quality and noise assessment to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and competent person on behalf of the developer.

" National Sustainable Placemaking Outcomes. Maximising Environmental Protection and Limiting Environmental Impact Resilient biodiversity and ecosystems Distinctive and special landscapes Integrated green infrastructure Appropriate soundscapes Reduces environmental risks Manages water resources naturally Clean air Reduces overall pollution Resilient to climate change Distinctive and special historic environments.

Placemaking - Distinctive & Natural Places Landscape / Coastal Areas / Historic Environment / Green Infrastructure / Biodiversity / Water, Air, Soundscape & Light / Flooding / De-risking

Environmental Considerations • will important features of the natural and built environment be protected and enhanced; • are the environ

Strategic and spatial conditions: includes considering the design of a development and its impacts upon everyday lives as well as thinking holistically about where people might live and work and which areas should be protected

Good design can help to ensure high environmental quality. Landscape and green infrastructure considerations are an integral part of the design process. Integrating green infrastructure is not limited to focusing on landscape and ecology, rather, consideration should be given to all features of the natural environment and how these function together to contribute toward the quality of places. This embraces the principles of 'ecosystems services' and sustainable management of natural resources where multiple benefits solution become an integral part of good design. In a similar manner, addressing environmental risks can make a positive contribution to environmental protection and improvement, addressing land contamination, instability and flood risk and providing for biodiversity, climate protection, improved air quality, soundscape and water resources benefits. Character The special characteristics of an area should be central to the design of a development. The layout, form, scale and visual appearance of a proposed development and its relationship to its surroundings are important planning considerations. A clear rationale behind the design decisions made, based on site and context analysis, a strong vision, performance requirements and design principles, should be sought throughout the development process and expr

Placemaking in Rural Areas The countryside is a dynamic and multi-purpose resource. In line with sustainable development and the national planning principles and in contributing towards placemaking outcomes, it must be conserved and, where possible, enhanced for the sake of its ecological, geological, physiographic, historical, archaeological, cultural and agricultural value and for its landscape and natural resources. The need to conserve these attributes should be balanced against the economic, social and recreational needs of local communities and visitors. Fostering adaptability and resilience will be a key aim for rural places in the face of the considerable challenge of maintaining the vibrancy of communities and availability of services as well as contributing to the Cohesive Communities well-being goal. This is coupled with ensuring the countryside is resilient to the impacts of climate change and plays a role in reducing the causes of climate change through the protection of carbon sinks and as a sustainable energy source in line with the Resilient Wales well-being goal.

Managing Settlement Form – Green Belts and Green Wedges Around towns and cities there may be a need to protect open land from development. This can be achieved through the identification of Green Belts and/or local designations, such as green wedges. Proposals for both Green Belts and green wedges must be soundly based and should only be employed where there is a demonstrable need to protect the urban form and alternative policy mechanisms, such as settlement boundaries, would not be sufficiently robust. The essential difference between them is that land within a Green Belt should be protected for a longer period than the relevant current development plan period, whereas green wedge policies should be reviewed as part of the development plan review process. The main aim of Green Belts is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.

A Resilient Wales is supported by protecting existing communities and natural environments while promoting well connected infrastructure and facilities closer to where people live. Good housing, access to services, green spaces and community facilities help to create the right conditions for better health and well-being.

The Planning Act introduced a statutory purpose for the planning system. Any statutory body carrying out a planning function must exercise those functions in accordance with the principles of sustainable development as defined

Well-being of Future Generations Act. The planning system is central to achieving sustainable development in Wales. It provides the legislative and policy framework to manage the use and development of land in the public interest so that it contributes positively to the achievement of the well-being goal

The Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, has made a strong objection to plans to desecrate Kilvey Hill, east of Swansea. "Sacrificed for a vanity project" https://www.oss.org.uk/kilvey-hill-swansea-must-not-be-sacrificed-for-a-vanity-project/#:~:text=We%20have%20objected%20strongly%20to,sacrificed%20for%20a%20vanity%20project.'

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The recovery of nature is immensely important, so too is the recovery of people. The pandemic has shown the value of local spaces to health and well-being, but they need stronger laws and duties to protect them.'

This proposal is not inline with any of the Goals of the **Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)** (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents)

"The Well-being of Future Generations Act requires public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change."

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Howard French

From:
Sent: 06 February 2024 14:07
To: Kilvey Hill POSN; Tracey Meredith
Subject: Disposal notice objection reference number DVP-00274779
Attachments: Skyline Heritage and CROW land.jpg

Importance: High

CAUTION: **External email - Do not click links/open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe**

Dear Tracey

I would be grateful if you could accept my objection below. I emailed it yesterday before the closing time of 5pm, but on checking my sent emails items today I do not think that you received my email. Please reply to let me know whether my objection has been accepted. I would also appreciate a response to my message below.
I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Best wishes

For the Head of Property Services
Please find below my objection to this Disposal notice. I would be grateful if you can please email me to tell me the purpose for which this Open Space land on Kilvey Hill and the justification for the disposal of it.
The Skyline Full Planning Application has yet to be decided. Please tell me what will happen if the council vote to dispose of the land on lease to Skyline and the planning application is refused.
Please notify me by email in advance of the date, time and venue of the meeting that will be held to decide the outcome of this notice, whether or not it is open to the public. As the notice concerns the curtailment of rights of access that the public currently enjoy, it would seem reasonable for the meeting to be open to the public to attend.
Finally, I would be grateful if you could let me know if there is a right of challenge over any decision to dispose of the land in this notice.
Thank you

Objection
I object to the disposal of this land to Skyline on the following grounds.

- At this time, the full planning application by Skyline has yet to be decided.
- I spend a great deal of time on Kilvey Hill and do not want to lose my rights to free open access to this unique, wild, peaceful and natural area of countryside.
- I object to council held land that is a valuable community asset being leased to a private company.
- **The land that the council proposes to dispose up talks up a vast 36% of the most valuable land on Kilvey Hill**, the land that is most used by members of the public and community groups. A section of this land is not owned by the council, and a large section of it is designated Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land. Please see attached map. The green border is land that the council don't own and is currently subject to a land registry dispute. The land shaded in blue is CROW access land.
- **This Open Space land comprises of rare and valuable Heathland.** This has been confirmed in Swansea's Local Access Forum meetings. The heathland will no longer be protected from the

Skyline development if the land is leased to them for development. It will not be possible to replicate this specific habitat.

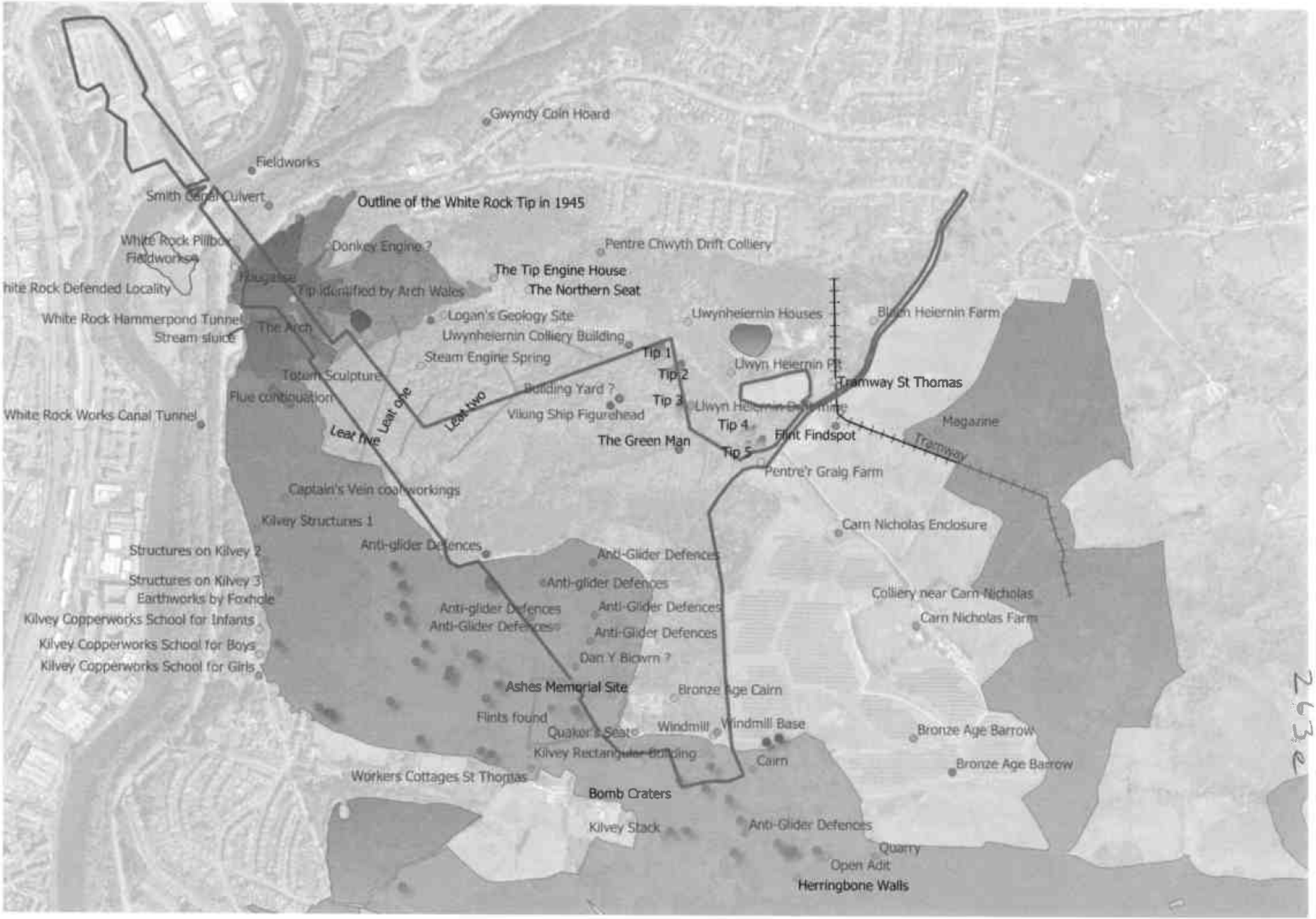
- **Kilvey Hill is designated as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.** Local ecologist Nigel Robins has confirmed that birds and other wildlife will be deterred by the noise from the noise of vast numbers of people using this area for thrill seeking activities.
- Any disposal must be in accordance with Swansea Council's policy, under be the Rules of Procedure (Land Transaction Procedure Rules) 2021.
- **The council can only dispose of this land if it is surplus** i.e. if the land 'is currently required to deliver their operational functions' (2a). It is not surplus.
- **The proposed Skyline development is not an essential operational function of Swansea council.** The access land is therefore not surplus and it the council should not dispose of it.
- **Countryside and Rights of Way Act open access land is designated to give the public a right to free access all areas of the land**. The location of the proposed Skyline high speed luge runs will restrict unfettered public access across this area of CROW land in this disposal notice. Whether ot not the luge runs are fenced, this high speed will prevent access for the public.
- The proposed disposal of this land to a private company for development will end this right. This area of Kilvey Hill is much loved and used by Swansea residents as a place for recreation and health benefits. Unregistered rights of way in current use exist on the land.
- **Swansea Local Access Forum (LAF) have objected to the Skyline full planning application on the grounds that the proposed development will curtail current rights of public access on the proposed Open Space land**. As the body that specialises in Access issues, the LAF's view on this matter it is hoped that their view will be accepted. This is contrary to Skyline claims that public access will not be affected. I would hope that LAF have been officially informed about this notice with enough time to meet to consider a response, should they wish to do so. I urge the people deciding on this notice to request a copy of the LAF objection to the full skyline application before forming a view.
- **It is a designated quiet area. The peace and tranquillity of this natural area of countryside for residents will be lost by the disposal of this land to Skyline.** The aim of the proposed development is an influx of 450,000 tourists and the noise of people using thrill seeking activities. The disposal notice makes no reference to the Open Space land being within a designated Quiet area. This will deter access by the public who currently enjoy a quiet country area.
- **The Open Space land is currently free to access.** Leasing this land to Skyline will prevent free access and deter individuals and families who do not have enough money to pay for the Skyline activities.
- **The proposed lease to Skyline of over 100 years is too long.** In law the lease should be short.
- **If the Skyline business does not succeed, public land will be lost forever.** This is too much of a gamble with a valuable public resource.
- **A section of the Open Space land advertised in this disposal notice is not owned by Swansea Council** and is currently subject to a land registry dispute.
- This low carbon emissions, wild area of countryside, will be transformed by the proposed large infrastructure with vehicular access road in daily use. **Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality** from vehicles, building materials and energy to heat and light the various structures will vastly increase carbon emissions in breach of Swansea council's net zero policy.
- **Higher carbon emissions and lower air quality** affecting the open access land by leasing it for the proposed Skyline development will be to the detriment of the health and well-being of all users of the Access Land. Kilvey Hill will no longer be the green lung of the city.
- **The area will no longer have free open access for future generations** as has been enjoyed for many current and past generations. It will become an area where people have to pay to use activities. This will deter use by families who cannot afford the charges. The communities living around the open access land are some of the most social and economically deprived in Wales. This will take away a valuable resource for health and well-being, contrary to the Future Generations (Wales) Act. Freely available green spaces should be preserved for future generations.

- A sample survey of 240 Swansea residents' response to the Skyline proposal conducted by academics on behalf of Kilvey Woodland Volunteers, evidenced that 87% were concerned about **the loss of green space** that will result from the proposed Skyline development.
- An ORVal Assessment conducted by Exeter University found Kilvey Hill to have **a substantial annual wealth value of almost £600,000.** It was noted that 50% of visitors to the hill belonged to lower social grades compared to other similar green spaces in Swansea, indicating that **Kilvey hill, including the large area of Open Space in this notice, provides significant benefits to those in lower socio-economic classes.**
- **Around 60 community groups use Kilvey Hill** for health, well-being, education and a range of community activities. They do so because it is an easily accessible wild and undisturbed peaceful area of countryside. These activities promote community cohesion and a number of groups cater for minority groups and vulnerable people such as those with mental health problems. This area will no longer be of such valuable benefit if it is developed into a vast, noisy leisure park with large infrastructure and high-speed paying activities. Examples of groups are Ramblers, Actif Woods and Kilvey Community Woodland Volunteers. The cable car infrastructure community roundhouse will be close to and overlooking the community roundhouse.
- **Many valuable Welsh heritage features are on this Open Space Land**, including a bronze age cairn, Quaker seat, and base of seventeenth century tower windmill. Please see attached map for details. Several of the structures of the Kilvey sculpture trail are situated on this Open Space land and Skyline have not offered any protection for the sculpture trail that passes through their proposed development. These features will be either lost or placed in the inappropriate environment of an amusement park.
- **The land in this notice is used by people to scatter the ashes of loved ones.** This has been the case for many years. If the land is disposed to Skyline the ashes will be inappropriately located in a leisure park, may be dug up during development, and the relatives no longer have unfettered access to visit the site of the ashes. St map attached.
- The disposal of open access land for development is contrary to the current Swansea Local Development Plan which designates this area as urban green wedge not to be developed on.
- **Absence of information in this Disposal Notice about the current rights of access conferred to the public on open space land and CROW designated Access Land.** The notice does not state that a section of this open space land is designated under the CROW Act. Insufficient information has been provided in the notice or otherwise to notify people as to the rights of access that the public currently enjoy over this land, so that they can understand what the disposal of the land to Skyline means. This information is reasonably required for transparency and to ensure that the public have full information in order to be able to determine whether they want to object. In my view this notice does not meet the intention of the statutory requirement.
- A significant number of people have serious concerns about the proposed Skyline development for Kilvey Hill. As evidenced by the residents' survey (above) and over 3,000 signatures on a Senedd petition calling for Welsh government not to spend money on this scheme. The petition is still under review by the petitions committee despite being past its closing date.
- The lack of transparency with the public in respect of many crucial aspects of the Skyline proposal, crucially information regarding the business case, detail of the proposed jobs, and the cost of the thrill-seeking activities is of concern, as is the failure to engage with legitimate concerns from members of the public. As no competing proposals to Skyline were invited, the lack of transparency on these matters seems unreasonable.
- This situation is compounded by **the lack of information in this Disposal Notice about the current rights of access conferred to the public on this Open Space and designated CROW Access Land and the designation of Quiet Area.** The absence of clear information as to what the disposal of this land will mean for the current rights of access does not afford the public with a fair opportunity to understand what the lease of this land to a private company for an extensive development will mean.

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- Maps are needed to accompany the notice so that the public can visualise the area that is the subject of the notice at the same time as they read the notice. It is not sufficient to expect the public to go to civic centre in order to find out what land is being disposed of. I have been to civic centre on more than one occasion since the notice was advertised and could not see a copy of the notice and map displayed in the public foyer.
- It falls to those in the council considering this notice, to decide **whether the land is surplus to the council's essential operations** and the **best consideration** which is reasonably obtainable. In my view the loss of an open space that comprises of rare heathland, offers low carbon emissions, and provides free, unrestricted access for the health and well-being of local communities and visitors alike to a natural, undeveloped green area outweighs the potential, but unproven, economic gain of the proposed Skyline project. Not many cities can offer a wild natural landscape within such close reach of the city centre.
- **No alternative proposals have been invited for consideration**, for deriving economic benefit from low carbon alternatives to Skyline that would not involve the disposal of this open space land, would promote ecotourism, and involve and meet the needs of local people in a more sustainable way that is less intrusive to this unique landscape. Community groups would welcome an opportunity to put forward an alternative.
- **Economic factors**. This is relevant to best consideration. Welsh Government and Swansea council have proposed to allocate a financial contribution to Skyline Enterprises for this proposed development. Skyline have no track business record for this type of development in Europe. Swansea is the wettest city in the UK. The long periods of inclement weather and poor visibility do not lend themselves to success for this proposed endeavour which is reliant on open air activities and the sea view. Swansea has far more rainfall that for example Skyline's Rotorua site in New Zealand. The proposed gondolas rides to Kilvey hill top are reliant on the visibility of the sea view. How many of the proposed 100 jobs are after the initial construction phase, and will be all year-round full-time jobs, given our climate.?
- **The disposal of this open space land is a big gamble** and once lost, to such a large-scale development (18 months to construct) this unique landscape and resource will be lost forever.
- **The designations of this area of Kilvey Hill as Open Space, CROW Access Land, Quiet area, and Site of Importance for Nature Conservation are precisely to protect it from a vast scale development such as that proposed by Skyline, and to preserve it as an area of free wild countryside for all.**

It is hoped that the decision taken on this disposal notice will be considered with an open mind and a fair weighing up of all considerations raised in objections, and with questions asked about the evidence base of any proposed economic gain. Thank you for considering my objection.


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Fieldworks
Smith Canal Culvert
Outline of the White Rock Tip in 1945
White Rock Pillbox
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The Tip Engine House
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Tip identified by Arch Wales
White Rock Hammerpond Tunnel
Stream sluice
The Arch
Logan's Geology Site
Uwynhelernin Houses
Blaen Heiernin Farm
Uwynhelernin Colliery Building
Steam Engine Spring
Tip 1
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Tip 3
Tip 4
Tip 5
Uwyn Heiernin Pit
Totem Sculpture
Building Yard ?
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Flue continuation
Viking Ship Figurehead
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DISPOSAL OF PART OF AN
OPEN SPACE AT KILVEY HILL, SA1 8ED

Dear Chief Legal Officer, I totally object to the above proposal for the following reasons

1) In his victory speech after the last election, Rob. Stewart promised to respect open spaces. Parting with it will be like "losing the family silver".

2) It is a finite resource and the Council should be putting red lines around it (together with Common Land) for greater protection.

3) It seems to disregard the immense effort made to restore Kilvey after the ravages of the Copper Industry "fall-out". Many Swansea teenagers took part in the tree planting there

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in the 1980's

4) The Senedd has declared a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and Swansea C.C. supports the former. Both have to safeguard the Health and Wellbeing of future Generations. How does reducing the stock of Open Space square with that?

5) Changes to Welsh planning policy in October 2023 placed greater emphasis on the protection of green spaces and biodiversity as well as a strengthened approach to protecting SSSI's. Will this disposal totally uphold this?

Yours sincerely,

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Tracy Meredith.Chief Legal Officer
Legal,Democratic Services and Business Intelligence

Civic Centre
Oystermouth Road
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1st Feb. 2024.

Notice of Disposal of Part of an Open Space Land known as Kilvey Hill,St Thomas,Swansea SA1 8ED

Dear Madam,
I cannot believe that this plan this even being contemplated. I remember the area being barren and polluted there was a big initiative to clean up the area of the lower Swansea Valley in the late 50s and 60s and school children from all over Swansea being encouraged by their schools to plant trees after the cleanup. In 1971 British Association For The Advancement of Science held their meeting at Swansea University and the Swansea Valley project was the backdrop to this meeting .Over the subsequent years trees have grown and the area has greened up making a wonderful backdrop to the city of Swansea. Plants and wildlife have flourished and people from the area and all over Swansea and visitors take advantage of the wonderful greenery and spectacular views.

Remembering how polluted and poisonous the land in the area had been, locals not being able to eat or grow vegetables this has been a wonderful transformation but any disturbance of the precious ecosystem could re-pollute the area.

I enclose a copy of The Open Spaces Society as they have put together such a cogent letter and they are the experts in looking after Open Spaces for the whole of the country. Please read the letter carefully as they have put in a great deal of effort,
Open Space Society has been looking after Open Spaces future generations since 1865 our oldest national conservation body.

Yours sincerely

Copy to Cardiff
Open Spaces Soc.

Delivered by Hand.

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Open Spaces Society

Please Read !

From:
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 5:10 PM
To: Kate
Subject: News release: Kilvey Hill, Swansea, must not be sacrificed for a vanity project, says Open Spaces Society

OPEN SPACES SOCIETY

NEWS RELEASE

KILVEY HILL, SWANSEA, MUST NOT BE SACRIFICED FOR A VANITY PROJ

The Open Spaces Society(1), Britain's oldest national conservation body, has objected strongly to a planning application into a massive tourism site. The society argues that the hill is being sacrificed for a vanity project.

The proposed development would comprise, among other infrastructure, gondola stations, a multi-purpose visitor build buildings.

Kilvey Hill is a special, tranquil place, loved by local people and visitors because it offers informal public access on foot

The society, in its objection to Swansea Council, expresses its astonishment that the applicant claims that 'existing routes' when the applicant should know that there many paths over the hill, which are not recorded on the definitive council, was exempt from the requirement to create a definitive map until 1983.

The society points out that, as a result, only a fraction of the routes which are used have been recorded. The gaps in as bridleways and restricted byways have been omitted. Residents have been trying to get Swansea Council to re reason for inaction.

In addition, the society avers, much of the hill is public access land, under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 area. The society criticises the developers for not acknowledging this; clearly people's rights to roam freely here would

Says Kate Ashbrook, the society's general secretary: 'These proposals are out of all proportion to the quiet informal access statement, "is part of the draw of Kilvey Hill". These soulless and damaging developments will not only dest effect on people's informal enjoyment of Kilvey Hill on foot and horseback and in horse-drawn carriages.

'If the hill is occupied by a banausic, noisy, and alien development, the public will no longer be able to relax and appr special place, so rare in modern society, will be destroyed for ever in the interests of commercial enterprise.

'We fear that the council is already committed to approving this development, since it is reported to be "set to receive funding from the council itself. Yet this could so easily become another white elephant, for which insufficient funds are

'Kilvey Hill is the wrong place for such a development. We have urged Swansea Council to reject the development an

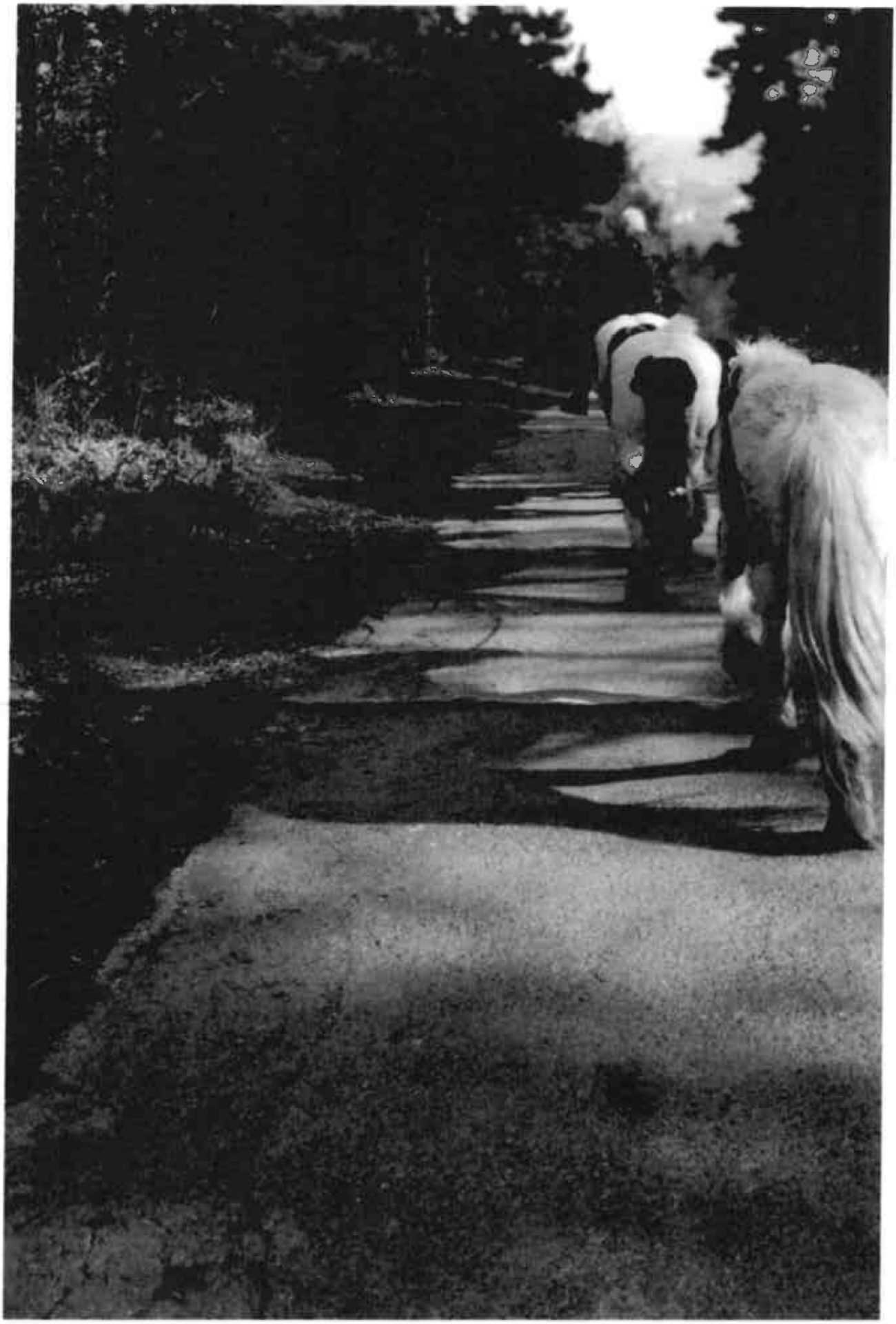
Attached: Photograph of one of the many unrecorded paths over Kilvey Hill; it would be destroyed by one of the luge tracks with h

Notes for editors

1 The Open Spaces Society was founded in 1865 and is Britain's oldest national conservation body. It campaigns to protect common l enjoy them.

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4 February 2024

"Kilvey Hill Open Space Disposal" Ref: DVP-00274779/SAE

Dear Head of Property Services,

I write to formally object to the proposed disposal of Open Access land ("the land") indicated in the Notice dated 15 January 2024 ("The Notice") on the following grounds:

The ownership of much of the land referred to in the Notice is in dispute. There is a Land Tribunal process ongoing, as the Council does not have any documentary Title to the disputed land. The ability of the Council to effect the stated purpose of the Notice (i.e.the grant of a lease) may be affected by the Tribunal decision.

Under the Local Government Act ("the LGA") the council is required to demonstrate that the land in question is no longer needed for its current purpose. I live on Kilvey Hill, and I use the land regularly for its current purpose, this disposal poses a threat to my very lifestyle. I also know that thousands of people, including at least 50 community groups, regularly use the land. I have no doubt that they wish to continue to do so. It is clearly the case that the land is used and needed for its current purpose, and will continue to be. It is NOT surplus.

Evidence for this continuing use and need is supported by reference to a recent survey conducted by the Kilvey Woodland Volunteers.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates public bodies to consider the long-term impact of their decisions, particularly concerning environmental sustainability and community wellbeing. The Notice does not mention any such consideration being given to this proposed disposal.

The Notice fails to address the impact on the Quiet Area status under the EC Environmental Noise Directive 2002, and/or the Environmental Noise (Wales) Regulations 2006.

The Notice fails to acknowledge the land's designation under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, and fails to assess the impact on public access rights.

As the Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body (founded 1865), objects "most strongly" to this disposal on the grounds that it would be unlawful, then you shouldn't dispose of it.

Yours faithfully,

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I urge the Council to publish evidence of how this proposed disposal complies with legal requirements, and to make adequate provision for the public to scrutinise and comment upon that evidence.

Yours faithfully,