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1.1 Name *

1.2 Are you? a member of the public

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Protection Site 1 land north of caledonian Canal from the lockgate to the east of Corpach basin towards the railway bridge at Banavie.

3.1 Address

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**Description
of Land**

3.2 Unsure

**Landowner's
name (if
known)**

3.4 Why should the land be protected?

The land is adjacent to the Caledonian canal and the Great Glen Way. It is, in the main, bog and as such, is at present unsuitable for building on.

This has resulted in plants and wildlife being left to flourish undisturbed. In late spring and early summer especially it has, over the years, been densely covered in a variety of wild flowers and is a haven for deer, ducks, herons, buzzards as well as bees, butterflies and moths.

For that reason it is a very important asset to the local environment and should be protected with nothing done which will disturb the water levels and ecosystem.

The canal path alongside this stretch is very popular with locals and tourists who appreciate the tranquillity and unspoiled nature of the area. The canal's importance as a tourist attraction has been given more emphasis recently and I feel this stretch of land enhances the beauty of the area.

In 2006 we were sent a 'Local Plan' leaflet which appeared to show that the land there was earmarked for housing. If more houses were built close to the canal it would affect the drainage system of that whole stretch and therefore destroy an important wildlife habitat.