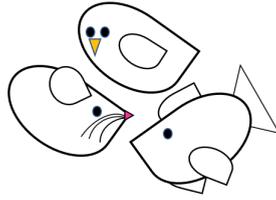


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Councillor Jon Molyneux,  
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Dear Councillor Molyneux,

Some of our Members have drawn my attention to negotiations concerning the possible purchase by Tilstone Glasgow Ltd of part of the M8 embankment at Queenslie Industrial Estate.

I understand Tilstone have plans to extend their activities within the Estate and the main reason they want this land is to strip it of trees so that drivers on the M8 can see the shops and leisure facilities on the Estate and perhaps be attracted onto the Estate to spend some money.

Motorway embankments are very important for wildlife. Like railway embankments, canal towpaths and riverbanks, they provide corridors for wildlife to move in and out of towns. Despite the road traffic, motorway embankments are seldom disturbed by people and can provide good habitat for flora and fauna.

Apart from the importance of trees to combatting global warming and in screening motorways to reduce noise, fuel emission and visual pollution, it just makes total common sense to keep them in public ownership.

As we move over to non-polluting electric and hydrogen vehicles it might also be possible to incorporate cycle paths along motorway embankments. The sides of motorways could also become places to run underground power and communication transmission lines.

I would be grateful if you would copy this e-mail to the appropriate Committees/Departments dealing with this issue.

If there is anything else Animal Concern and our supporters can do to lobby for retention of this land by Glasgow City Council, please let me know.

Kind regards,

John F. Robins,  
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PS I was one of the first Ecology Party candidates in Glasgow, polling around 8.5% of the vote in the Hillhead council seat. It was so long ago I think one of my concerns was felling of trees in what is now the Fossil Grove at Victoria Park.