

We welcome the news that, after a long battle, Radley Lakes is to be saved.

This valuable community resource should never have been threatened and it's a great shame that it has taken so much time and money on both sides to reach the stage where the lakes are no longer required for the disposal of ash.

Npower's change of heart proves that their plan to fill the lakes with ash was unnecessary. If only they had taken the time to look at the alternatives in the first place.

The high profile action by so many residents, both through the legal process and through local events, together with the support of people from outside of the area who have been so willing to take action to protect our natural environment, is clearly behind this change of mind.

We hope that large companies like npower learn the lessons of this episode. It is not acceptable to destroy much-valued beauty spots for the sake of corporate convenience. Nor is it a good idea to put completely innocent people under repressive injunctions that reduce their civil rights.

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Note to editors

Dr Peter Harbour, a retired nuclear physicist who lives locally in Abingdon, remains under a High Court injunction restricting his freedom. The injunction was gained by npower using solicitors from Lawson-Cruttenden, the law firm most closely associated with the use of unrelated legislation to repress civil protests such as the Heathrow Climate Camp.