

Susan Carter questions

Here are two written questions for the meeting from me, not DfP (run out of time to consult):

Question 1: nature conservation status

Please could you confirm that the wildlife of the Downs is not generally regarded as being of global significance, as a member suggested at the last meeting? My understanding is that the Downs have been designated only as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest, by local ecologists. (The cliffs and woods of the Gorge enjoy stronger, statutory protection as the Avon Gorge Site of Special Scientific Interest - a national designation - and the Avon Gorge Woodland Special Area for Conservation - a European designation).

Question 2: cost of Sea Walls cafe proposal

How much money and officer time was spent on the proposal to build a café at Sea Walls, (including all planning and common land applications, and the recent approach to the Secretary of State) broken down into:

- Architect and other professional fees
- Legal advice, including the time of the Council's legal officers
- Other officer time
- Any other costs.