

Jan Rang again Sunday 17th Feb asking about site meeting
I promised to ring Leonard on Mon. Did but he away for week
& not obtainable on home no.

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Destruction of Conservation Area W. of W. Lake, Feb. 1980

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Mrs. Margaret Box, who used to be chairman of cttee & visited weekly has faded out & been replaced by Mrs. Barbara Jones of Barry Parks Dept. who is known to have paid only 1 visit - as far as carpark!

Bulldozers are churning up area between hide & lake deepening the "tadpole pools" but ruining everything else in the process.

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Where Jan fd. 60 bee orchids & pyramidalis the ground has been buried under 2 ft of soil - (wh. orchids cannot penetrate) - They take no notice of his suggestion that top layer be removed 1st and spread over after - with orchid tubers - saying they are landscape architects & know what they are doing & that land will recolonise in 1 or 2 years - it will - with coltsfoot, plantain & dock - but will need at least 10 yrs to get the limestone flora back. Rift widened at base of island. Destruction goes on daily. (Information rec'd on 17th Feb. 1980).

They must at all costs be stopped

- (a) Devastating orchid corner (tho' these only fudsi!)
- (b) " " the sea sedge bed
- (c) Putting on foreign topsoil or fertiliser.

Apparently money is restricted & they're bashing on to get as much done as poss. - regardless - before it runs out. Seem to know only about Park & not about conservation.

Discuss with Peter Leonard at Exec. & get site meeting (Govt off with bad back). Contact Jan at end of next week.