

**PET(4)-11-12 : Monday 2 July 2012**  
**P-04-369 : Against the proposed Cardiff to Newport Coastal Path**

25 June 2012

Email from Petitioner

We do not have any updates to our petition to send you, following on from our suggestion of an alternative inland route within our previous communication, which has been the policy adopted for many miles around sensitive areas of coastline or industrial areas etc. Consequently this is a reply to the letter of 12th June from Mr Sean Christian of RSPB CYMRU. Please note that the Petition is a concern for disturbance to Shorebirds, not specifically wintering waterfowl, and to more walkers not specifically dog walkers.

The members of the committee may not know that most birdwatching of Shorebirds is done through birdwatching telescopes. Magnification power 30 to 60X. This allows birdwatching at a distance. The RSPB fits out its reserves with viewing hides and screened approach routes from behind or the side. Disturbance is eliminated. The best way for people to learn how to birdwatch is to join the RSPB, or the Gwent Ornithological Society, or the Glamorgan Bird Club and take part in organised field trips and learn how to identify various bird types and interact responsibly with these wildlife areas in an informed way.

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