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## Two local writers join the Save Radley Lakes Campaign

Campaigners fighting to save beautiful Thrupp Lake at Radley from being destroyed by filling it with flyash from Didcot A power station have received a welcome boost with the support of not one, but two local writers. Colin Dexter, creator of Inspector Morse; and Paul Gustafson, author of Eggbert's Adventures, are together supporting the Save Radley Lakes campaign.



**Hoping to Save Radley Lakes.** Writers Paul Gustafson (left) author of Eggbert's Adventures, and Colin Dexter, creator of Inspector Morse, are not short of words to say what they think of RWE npower's plans to fill a local beauty spot with power station ash.

Colin Dexter, pictured here in his garden in Oxford, is dismayed by RWE npower's wanton disrespect for nature at the popular beauty spot in nearby Radley on Thames. The awful contrast between the sheer beauty of the living Thrupp Lake and the gaunt, sterile, fenced-off ash-filled lakes H/I, which cannot be walked upon, led him to sum up his feelings on the matter.

"I hope good sense prevails and that npower's plans to destroy Thrupp Lake come to a dishonourable end and are laid to rest in the nearest available recycling box!"

Equally determined to defend the last remaining large lake at Radley, Paul Gustafson, who lives in Abingdon and frequently visits the lake, said

“RWE npower should shelve all plans to fill in Radley Lake. Birds, animals and fish will all be made homeless. The lake is a place of particular beauty and must be saved.”

RWE npower have recently found ways to recycle their ash. Marjorie White of Save Radley Lakes hopes

“the company will recognise that, if they needlessly destroy a lake with ash which should and can be recycled, they will go down in history as a failed company. We are grateful to these two well-known writers who are ready and willing to lend a helping hand to the local community, where everyone is against this outrage.”

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