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**The Clanranald Trust for Scotland's Resignation from The Carronvalley Partnership**

Dear all of the Carronvalley Partnership.

When we first came to Carronvalley in late 1998 the location was used solely by walkers, picnic groups and ourselves, volunteers of the trust. People were free to rummage around the forest and so we took care to situate our project where it would be an extension of the leisure area without dominating it.

Since then we have watched the area become a larger attraction for the general public. The more recent arrival of new activities promised yet more visitors to the area and we very were pleased to see this as this would suggest more families and individual visitors and possibly more interest in our project than we already anticipated.

Some time ago the idea of a partnership flourished which we were led to believe would include all the groups using the area, and its purpose being to discuss ALL activities in the Carronvalley Forest. We agreed to be part of this partnership with the understanding that matters discussed would be to the betterment of the public user, families alike. I quickly observed that the topics for discussion certainly did not include us as there were issues that were being put forward that in our mind did not concern the Clanranald Trust, not even the betterment of the general Public.

I personally had attended one or two meetings in the early days and the same issues became ever more dominant to the point where I felt I was wasting my valuable time and therefore the Trusts time attending the meetings. I then verbally advised two of the partners that we refused to attend further meetings until matters where resolved.

We now feel it is no longer in the interests of the Clanranald Trust to be involved in a partnership that has collapsed into such venomous and angry debate. The Partnerships current debate is holding up progress within the Carronvalley Partnership and is now entering into a climate that our trustees do not wish to be associated with. We therefore resign from this Partnership.

Without Prejudice

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