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In 2022 (Index Mundi) a survey concluded that only 2.5% of ancient woodland remains. These woods are so important to the wildlife that make it their home & to the local community who so desperately need a tranquil environment in which to escape the stresses of life.

The government Forestry Commission recommends planting larger areas to join up existing woodland. This helps increase the survival chances of species in & around the woodland complex. The wilder Blean initiative shares the same objective.

The proposal that the Council is putting forward to build C12 would separate West Blean, Thornden Wood SSSI and RSPB Blean Woods forever! We need to reject the proposal & protect the ancient woodland that we have left for ourselves, the wildlife & future generations.

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