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Submission points

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Description

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But this needs to be well planned and also take into account the historical and current use of the land and areas around Westport. Once the historic use of places and activities is lost or changed to much, it rarely comes back. Progress needs to be well planed and thought out and respectful of the past and current users of the land and resources.

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