

Save our dunes

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THE SPANISH equivalent of the RSPCA has backed pleas to save one of the last dune areas on the Costa del Sol.

SEO birdlife has demanded that Marbella council stop the destruction at Barronal, which is damaging the environment and wildlife in the area.

The dunes, which are adjacent to Alicate beach, are one of the few natural sites on the coast that have not yet been destroyed by overdevelopment.

In the place of the dunes, a new housing development, consisting of 150 houses, will be built.

Two thirds of the 75,000 metres squared of land designated for the development has already been cleared of weeds.

President of the residents association in las Chapas, Maribel Guerrero, said: "It should have been done manually, not with machines to limit the environmental damage."

The zone surrounding the dunes has always been abundant in small migratory birds as well as insects and reptiles.