



**Friends of Tooting Common**

1 June 2016

Inspector Steve Biggs  
Parks and Events Police Service  
Wandsworth Council

Dear Inspector Biggs

Graveney Woods: anti-social behaviour

We in Friends of Tooting Common have noted - for example during the bluebell walk we organised recently - that there are several areas in the undergrowth in Graveney Woods where there are serious problems of human excrement, used toilet paper and other antisocial waste. It appears that some of these areas are being used for drinking and other antisocial behaviour. These problems do of course seriously detract from the use and enjoyment by the public of this part of the Common. We assume that the Parks Police are aware of these problems - in Graveney Woods, and also in other parts of the Common - but perhaps we could check that you are indeed aware of them, and are taking appropriate action?

We are very grateful for the work of the Parks Police. Perhaps we could ask if you consider that you have sufficient resources to carry out the work on the Common that you need to, particularly in view of problems of this sort?

I am copying this letter as shown below, including to the Councillors for Furzedown Ward.

Many thanks

Best wishes

Peter

Peter Ramell  
Chair, Friends of Tooting Common

Copied to:

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**Reply received from Inspector Steve Biggs to FOTC letter (on previous page)**

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Dear Peter,

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Thank you for your letter dated 1 June 2016. The Parks & Events Police are aware of that these areas are attracting antisocial behaviour and officers have been tasked with increasing patrols of Graveney Woods, in order to apprehend offenders and seek to prosecute them for any breach of the bye-laws. The Metropolitan Police also patrol the Common from time to time, and I am in touch with in PC Lucy Hartshorn from the Tooting Common Safer Neighbourhood Team to seek their assistance with this matter.

In answer to your specific query, I have no concerns with regards the existing resources available to the service, and we will continue to work towards resolving this particular problem as soon as possible. In the meantime, I have also spoken to the Parks Service and asked them to clear the litter and detritus from the woods.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Biggs  
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