



**Friends of Tooting Common**

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The Director of Environment and Community Services,  
Wandsworth Borough Council, Client Side, Ground Floor,  
Tadmore House, Frogmore Complex, Dormay Street, SW18 1EY

Dear Director of Environment and Community Services

**Tooting Common, Triangle Field**

These are comments by Friends of Tooting Common on the Notice advertising the Council's intention to dispose, by lease, of facilities on the Triangle Field, Tooting Common, and other material sent with Mr Cooper-Grundy's email of 7 June. (We (FOTC) understand that "dispose" is used in a technical sense, and that the ground and facilities concerned would remain part of the Common, and continue to belong to the Council.)

FOTC can see that in principle there is a case for a development on the lines proposed, to provide a facility for Commons users and the local community. However a lot of the specifics still need to be considered and FOTC may well want to comment further when more details are available.

Overall, it will be important that the development balances the views and needs of different Commons users, including those who value the quiet, and sense of space, that the Common provides. It will be important that the development is within 'reasonable' limits. It will of course be important that the development does not encroach onto the rest of the Common. There will also need to be clear limits on the extent of any floodlighting, and noise. It will also be important that there be no vehicles driving onto the site. It should also be an aim that no trees are cut down as part of the development.

Two specific issues among others that will need to be considered are:

- the existing redgra area appears to be well used by children and adults currently. It is important that this access is not lost
- the proposal for toilets is very welcome. But it will be important that access to toilets is available throughout the day, and not just during times when the new sports facilities are open.

FOTC would ask to be kept in touch with further more specific proposals when these are available.

Yours sincerely

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