



## Friends of Tooting Common

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Mr T Addlesee  
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Dear Mr Addlesee

### **Tooting Common: proposed closure of Dr Johnson Avenue**

1. These are comments by Friends of Tooting Common on the further consultation on this proposed closure. Our position is, essentially, the same as we set out previously in our letter of 31 August 2015 on the earlier consultation, but we think it will be useful if we state it again.
2. Friends of Tooting Common certainly supports the proposal for closure in principle, on the basis that it would join up two sections of the Common currently separated by the road, and make it easier and safer for users of the Common to move between the two. It would also slightly increase the size of the Common. The Common is extremely important as an area of open space with a distinctive character, open to everyone: and with our role in helping to promote the public use and enjoyment of the Common, we would certainly welcome the closure on this basis.
3. We are however aware of the considerable concerns about implications for traffic on neighbouring roads, and particularly concerns arising from the more recent proposal for the 'no right turn' from Tooting Bec Road onto Elmbourne Road. We believe that these implications should be carefully considered, and fully taken into account, in reaching a decision on the proposal. In this connection, as indicated in our letter of 13 March, we consider that the geographical area which is currently being leafleted and consulted on on the proposal is too small, and we consider that Wandsworth Council should extend this area.
4. We would of course be happy to discuss our comments with you.

Best wishes

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Chair, Friends of Tooting Common

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