



**Friends of Tooting Common**

26 September 2014

**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH (TOOTING BEC AND TOOTING GRAVENEY COMMON) CYCLES TRACK ORDER 2013**

**CYCLE TRACK PUBLIC INQUIRY 30 SEPTEMBER 2014:  
COMMENT BY FRIENDS OF TOOTING COMMON**

The Friends of Tooting Common are a non-political group of local residents who care about Tooting Common, and want to make it a better place for people, plants and wildlife. We have about 150 members, and are growing all the time.

The issue of the white lines segregating cyclists and pedestrians on some paths on the Commons is an important one. There are strongly held views on the issue within the Friends group, both for and against. A survey of members undertaken by the Friends Group in January 2013, with 69 respondents, showed 48% in favour of removal, with 42% against.

The Friends group have encouraged members to send their views individually to the public inquiry which is being held on 30 September. A number of comments have accordingly been sent to the inquiry by individual members, which we have confirmed have been passed to the inspector leading the inquiry, and to Wandsworth Council.

The Friends group considers that, whatever is decided on the specific issue of the removal of the white lines, there need to be arrangements to ensure that cyclists give appropriate priority to pedestrians, slowing down where necessary. We believe that clear signage to this effect, on the lines described by the Tooting Common Management Advisory Committee in their representation to the inquiry, would be very helpful.

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