- Would like pond in soggy areas.

- Dog exercise areas needed by railway viaduct screened by trees and shrubs.

- Drainage needed.

6.4 TOOTING TRIANGLE FIELD

PITCHES

- More junior pitches needed.

- Support proposals to upgrade pitches but want to maintain current number of pitches rather than reduce overall total.

- No dogs should be allowed on pitches (4).

- Against concentrating pitches here (32) because it will detract from peace and quiet of area; generate litter, noise, fly tipping disturbance; cause traffic and parking problems; spoil appearance due to goal posts and worn grass; floodlights and fencing would look like a prison; unfair to concentrate least pleasing facility at north end of common; won't be used; spoil area for walkers, dogs and children; badly drained so unsuitable; ruin only area not bounded by roads; remote from bus routes; no existing car parks; upgrade existing pitches instead; against fencing pitches.

- Agree with relocation of pitches here as flatest area of common; changing rooms and pitches would be well used by local schools such as Chestnut Grove presently short of space; good idea to have pitches in one place (4).

- Other sports should be considered too (2).

- Floodlighting should not be visible from Emmanuel Road.

- Sports facilities should continue to be affordable by local youths and children (2).

- Cricket squares should be kept (2).

- If pitches located here sufficient parking should be provided on this field by one o'clock club where there is sufficient space to prevent surrounding roads becoming overloaded with cars; situated away from houses; won't detract from attractiveness of common. (2)

- Encourage volleyball and female sport (changing facilities. (3)

- Dogs should still be allowed to use area as only areawhere they can run free from traffic.

BUILDINGS/PLAYGROUND

- Events should be more widely publicised.

- Public lavatories needed (2).

- Play area should be relocated to less secluded area/Emmanuel Road area.

- Under 5's play should be relocated to Woodfields to prevent conflict with teenagers.

- Supervision needed of play and changing facilities due to flashers and people afraid of going there especially in winter (4).

- Buildings should be discreet, tasteful, no ugly sheds and high building.

- Against activity room as would be used by noisy, unruly element.

- Against rounders near playground as balls intrude onto play area.

- Include paddling pool in play area.

VEGETATION

- Maintain short grass.

- Trees would provide rapists and muggers with objects to hide behind, concern about safety (2).

- Long grass will collect litter.

- Tree and shrub planting will be misused by prostitutes.

- In favour of more vegetation.

STREAM

- Good idea (4).

- Danger to children.

OTHER

- Opening up fence to Woodfield a good idea.

- Good location for urban farm.

- Existing seats, bins signs very unattractive out of sympathy with natural tones (2).

- Leave trails out.

- Signboards needed with byelaws.

- More sculptures.

- A maze.

- Refreshment facilities need improving.

- Sculpture will be covered in graffiti.

6.13 SUMMARY

6.13.1 In general the majority of the public appear to support the proposals put forward. However there are two clear areas of concern.

6.13.2 There is a lot of local reaction against the car park on the Emmanuel Road field. In view of this , this proposal should be reconsidered. Some local residents expressed fear that the relocation of football pitches on to Tooting Triangle area will increase existing traffic and parking problems. The London Borough of Lambeth Traffic engineers have thus been approached and it is their opinion that the relocation of the pitches will not significantly add to this problem. However they have been asked for more detailed observations.

6.13.3 The other fear is that the pitches will detract from the peace and tranquility of the area and prevent other uses. However careful maintenance to restore damaged grass, improved drainage and removable goalposts will mean that these problems will not be significant. The area will look much as it does now for all but Saturdays and Sundays from September to early April. For the remainder of the year it will be available for informal use as it is now.

Further research is being done to investigate in more detail how existing user groups will be affected by the change. The other more detailed points are being evaluated and will be incorporated in the plan where possible, if they are not already embodied in the existing plan.