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OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE

Development of Tooting Common by Wandsworth Council to include four floodlit astro turf football pitches for commercial use. Application Number 2019/4206. Committee meeting 19 May 2020. Approved with conditions 21/05/2020

Although Tooting Common is owned jointly by Lambeth and Wandsworth Councils, the Common is mainly used by residents of Balham, Tooting and Streatham - which all border the Common.

There are so many reasons from a practical point of view that the above development should not go ahead which I know you are aware of. So I shall concentrate on the joy of the Common for us all.

It is the hub of our community and used by all - families, single people, the fit, the not so fit, from the very young to very old: from mothers with new babies, children, teenagers... the Common fills so many different needs to all of us local residents. It provides peace for those wanting to be alone and also companionship to others. It is for meeting friends and making new friends. For the playing of games (by the very young particularly) socialising, exercising, celebrating etc. – all together. It also offers calm and comfort to those who just wish to be alone.

The Common is an absolute necessity for the very many who do not have gardens, particularly the families who live in the high rise buildings nearby.

We all love – and are rightly proud of our Common – we never take it for granted, we take pride in it and we look after it so that all can enjoy it e.g. pick up litter, report fallen trees etc.

The use of the Common enfolds us with an easy feeling of belonging and stability. The Common will be even more necessary to the ever increasing number of local residents working from home. Every inch of it will become more necessary for our well being – it is imperative that all of it should remain a sanctuary for one and all.

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