

# **THREAT TO GREENWICH PARK**



**\*Enjoy the view while you can.  
This will be a NO GO area in 2012 for several months.**

**\*ACT NOW to have these events moved to a more suitable location.  
Go to the NOGOE website [www.nogoe2012.com](http://www.nogoe2012.com) and click on Petition.**

## **NOGOE**

**No to Greenwich Park Olympic Equestrian Events**

# **BE CONCERNED, BE VERY CONCERNED**

**Greenwich Park was chosen without public consultation.  
There is still time to move at least the cross country event to a more  
suitable site within easy reach of London.**

## **The main reasons are:**

- serious damage to the fabric of the Park, its trees, its grasses, its wildlife, its archaeology
- small size of the park compared to past Olympic equestrian venues
- closure to the public of parts of the Park for months, during the preparations and the rehabilitation, and the closure during the actual Games (29 July - 10 August) and the Paralympics (31 August - 4 September 2012)
- massive traffic congestion - closure of Romney Road (A206) and one lane of the Blackwall Tunnel at certain times
- no tangible legacy for a spend of £12 - 15 million
- LOCOG (London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) state that they will minimise damage and closures  
- but damage and closures there will be

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

LOCOG's plan of the cross country course shows a tortuous route, risking damage to many trees, some of them centuries old.  
The route goes through the Flower Garden, with its lake, and the children's boating pond!  
All this upheaval for the sake of a few hours riding on one day of the Olympics!

## **DRESSAGE AND SHOW JUMPING**

The plan is for a 23,000 seat stadium near the Queen's House - almost the size of Charlton Athletic's stadium.

LOCOG's plan shows the location of the stables and the stadium for the show jumping and dressage but gives no indication of the many ancillary facilities that will be essential - veterinary, security, media, toilets, refreshments, hospitality.

Drainage, water and power services will have to be dug and laid - and then removed.  
In Hong kong 2008 there were 311 temporary structures and 41 power generators.

For more details read the article Platform: the Olympic Threat to Greenwich in on-line magazine [www.greenwich.co.uk](http://www.greenwich.co.uk)

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Write to Sebastian Coe at LOCOG, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LN and Tessa Jowell MP at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA  
Write to your Councillor, your MP and the Mayor of London — Write to the local societies to which you belong  
Write to local and national newspapers — Add your comments to media websites — Tell your friends about the NOGOE website

Please sign the petition on the Downing Street website.  
Just access the NOGOE website [www.nogoe2012.com](http://www.nogoe2012.com) where you will find a link to this petition.

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NOGOE is not opposed to the Olympic equestrian events but believes that they would be more successful at an existing site which could be improved to leave a lasting legacy.