

SAVE GREENWICH PARK
FROM OLYMPIC EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

SEND IN YOUR OBJECTIONS
TO GREENWICH PLANNING
COMMITTEE

BY
27 JANUARY 2010
(see overleaf)

Please note that e-mails and letters should include the full name and address of the objector. All objections must be received by the Council as soon as possible (but not later than 27th January 2010)

Copies of the planning application can be inspected at the East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, the Blackheath Library in Old Dover Road, or downloaded from the Greenwich Council website. If you need further information or assistance please contact www.nogoe2012.com or 020 8293 4103



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SOME OF THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Environmental Damage:

- Excavation of Le Notre's parterre (south of the Queen's House) to build a 23,000-seat arena
- Pruning of trees for height clearance
- Digging up of rare acid grasslands (replacement scheduled for 2015)
- Risk to root systems of ancient trees (oldest living things in London) from contractors and spectators
- Threat to other endangered and protected wildlife (animal and plant)
- 10% of the Park to be fenced off from early 2010 for preparation of grass (decompaction, seeding, fertilisation, weed-killing and irrigation) for the 6 kilometre cross-country track. This will leave a permanent mark on the Park
- Stabling for 250 horses requiring food, water and electricity supplies and removal of waste
- Installation of underground pipes and cables for temporary structures throughout the Park

Archaeology:

- Risk of **PERMANENT DAMAGE** to important archaeological sites as a result of this **TEMPORARY EVENT**

Social and economic effects:

- Closure of Park (in whole or in part) for lengthy periods in 2011 and 2012
- Areas of the Park fenced off from 2010 (for preparation of cross-country track) until at least 2015 (to allow restoration of acid grassland areas)
- Massive traffic disruption and congestion
- Loss of trade for local businesses
- Installation of 2.7 metre (9 ft) security fence with lights and CCTV cameras around the Park perimeter

Costs:

- LOCOG claims to be using private finance but any loss is underwritten by taxpayers
- Secrecy around the true cost, but now reported to be £42 million

Health and safety:

- Competitors, horses and the public at risk from possible subsidence of uncharted underground tunnels and conduits
- LOCOG has not shown how 73,000 spectators can be safely accommodated in the Park on cross-country day

Circus Field:

- Now to be used (new proposal) and LOCOG could seek to take more of Blackheath
- Legal aspects:
- Metropolitan Commons Act prohibits use of Circus Field
- Royal Parks have no power to close the Park

Legacy

- To date the only unequivocal proposal for Greenwich is a jump in the Children's Playground

OBJECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL can be sent by post or e-mail (we recommend the latter) quoting the Application Numbers which are 09/2598/F and 09/2599/L

E-mails should be sent to planningapps@greenwich.gov.uk. Letters should be addressed to Greenwich Council (comments on applications), Planning Department, Crown Building, 5th Floor, 48 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6HQ (or fax to 020 8921 5442)