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No to Greenwich Olympic Equestrian Events
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Dear Mr Camley,

Greenwich Park – The Equestrian Olympics

I am extremely concerned about some of the Health & Safety issues which will arise if Greenwich Park is used for the equestrian events. LOCOG have submitted their Planning Application to Greenwich Council supported by 3,000 pages of documentation. Many detailed objections have been put in. Accordingly we are now in a better position to judge the extent of the Health & Safety problems. As an example of what I have in mind, I am enclosing a copy of a Statement by Dr Per von Scheibner, together with the 2 Appendices, in which he describes the conduits underneath the Park and the risks of injury or worse arising from the enormously increased construction and other activity in the Park over a number of years. Dr von Scheibner is the leading expert on the Greenwich Park conduits and its other underground features. You do not have to be an expert to understand the seriousness of what Dr von Scheibner is saying. Although Dr von Scheibner's Statement was filed recently with Greenwich Council as one of the many objections to the Planning Application, it is also highly relevant to Health & Safety issues. Dr von Scheibner's address can be provided on request.

Of course other Health & Safety issues also arise. However the conduits may well present the most dramatic and serious problem.

I have written to Sarah Chaker of the Health & Safety Executive, and sent her a copy of the enclosed Statement. She is currently looking at the legal position, and in particular which body is responsible for ensuring that Health & Safety issues are addressed, and which body will be responsible for considering whether a Safety Certificate should be issued under the Safety of Sports Ground legislation. However as The Royal Parks is the body responsible for the management of Greenwich Park, you clearly need to be fully aware of, and have a proper opportunity to address, the safety issues which may arise before, during or after the Equestrian Olympics. You will also no doubt consider what the legal position of The Royal Parks is in all this

Sarah Chaker will be discussing the Health & Safety position with Greenwich Council who already have a copy of the enclosed Statement. She will also be sending the Statement to LOCOG and will be meeting with them shortly.

I look forward to hearing from you what steps The Royal Parks will be taking in the light of what the Statement is saying.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Sarah Chaker.

Yours sincerely