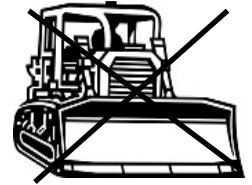




KEEP OSTERLEY GREEN!

For the protection of our green spaces & appropriate sustainable development

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Final Push needed before Planning Committee meeting to consider the Nishkam school application

Planning Committee 3rd September

The planning officers originally intended the Nishkam application to go to the Planning Committee on 3rd September. Pressure of business could mean slippage to the October meeting. It is best, at this stage, to assume that it will be considered at the September meeting.

What this means

If you have not yet written a letter of objection then it is now urgent that you do so. Letters up to the second week of August will still give the officers time to take them into account in their report to the Planning Committee.

Points for letters

Points that you could consider using were given in our third Newsletter. If you don't have a copy it is on our website (address at the bottom of the page).

Remember, other schools are on the way

Four new schools are projected for the **Brentford Priority Admissions Area** (includes Osterley & Isleworth): (1) the Green School for Boys (location unknown); (2) the HIP mixed secondary school (the likely site being Grasshoppers); (3) the Floreat primary school (Trico House, Ealing Road); (4) Nishkam (on the White Lodge site);

The first three would overwhelmingly serve the local area. The Nishkam school, by its own admission, would mainly serve central Hounslow and other boroughs.

Osterley is the wrong location for Nishkam. 700 children in the primary part of the school would be travelling about 4 km on average (west to east, with commuter traffic) to get to school in an area of high traffic congestion and with poor access to public transport. This is contrary to all advice on primary

school location.

Floreat School U-turn

The projected Floreat school in Brentford was to have been temporarily sited on Metropolitan Open Land. Questions were asked when it got a 125 year lease. The result is that the school has now relocated to **Trico House**, within the Great West Quarter development on Ealing Road. This affair has raised awareness of the Council's obligation to protect green open space. **Keep Osterley Green** is trying to

Meeting with Ruth Cadbury MP to discuss the Nishkam school

This is your chance to express your views to your Member of Parliament.

Date: Wednesday 12th August

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Wycombe House Pavilion, Jersey Road, TW7 5PL

protect open space so this is a good point to emphasise in your letters.

Thanks are due ..

to all those residents working hard to support us, those who have signed the petition, written letters and those who made donations. We are grateful for all help received.

Donations – Petition – Help

Our Petition. You still have a chance to sign our petition. Please do so as a matter of urgency before the **12TH AUGUST**. You can sign or hand in your petition and donate to our funds at **THE OSTERLEY BOOKSHOP** or the **OSTERLEY PARK CAFE**.

Help needed. We are working very hard on the Nishkam submission. Some of us are overworked. Meeting deadlines is difficult and we could really do with more help. So if you think you can help in any way (e.g. delivering newsletters, writing, proofreading) then please contact us.

We also appreciate the help received from the **Osterley Bookshop**, the **Osterley Park Cafe**, **OWGRA** (including some financial assistance) and **Wycombe House**.

What we have been doing

(1) We have been very busy reading all the Nishkam application documents and doing the research required to check their validity.

(2) We stopped the demolition of the existing buildings on the site from going ahead without due process.

(3) We presented a detailed case against the proposed development to the councillors on the local Area Forum (it is available on our website.).

(4) **We have collected over 800 signatures** from local residents. In addition we have many signatures from residents not in the immediate vicinity of the development.