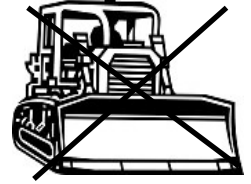




KEEP OSTERLEY GREEN!

For the protection of our green spaces & appropriate sustainable development

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Great response to the Judicial Review Appeal

Residents have responded magnificently to our Judicial Review (JR) appeal challenging the Council's decision to approve a school on the White Lodge site. **MANY THANKS** to all who have contributed so far.

We're past the half-way mark (£20,000)

Our first target was £10,000 for Stage 1 of the JR. Now we have doubled that. We need £40,000 to see the JR through to the end. So we still have a way to go but this is a very good start indeed. The contributions are very varied since people give according to their means. With that in mind it is clear that many have been very generous. We are aware that some residents have given generously even when reliant on modest incomes – we are very grateful for that.

If you haven't yet contributed

Please give the matter careful thought if you have not yet contributed. Our argument all along has not been against the school but against its inappropriate location on Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) and the large increase in unsustainable traffic which would result. Building on MOL requires very special circumstances to obtain and this has not been demonstrated.

So the question is do we just accept anything that the Council does in our name (we elect its members and we pay the Council Tax) or do we stand up and protest when we see wrongdoing?

In addition it is clear from recent public documents that the current Council has a vision of high-rise Hounslow and scant regard for building restrictions on Green Belt land. This approach would destroy the character of areas such as Osterley. We need to say "no" before this process gets under way.

Right now contributing to our Judicial Review is your most effective way of doing that. If you haven't already contributed then please consider doing so.

Crowd Justice goes live

The Crowd Justice organisation has accepted our case as sufficiently strong to put an appeal for financial support on their website. This website appeal will go live on 10th March. The money

donated through these means will go straight to our lawyers when the first Crowd Funding target of £5000 is reached. We do not handle the money. If you prefer to donate in this way then please do so.

www.crowdjustice.co.uk/case/keep-osterley-green

More than 1200 residents signed our petition against the school. **How much do you need to contribute?**

- 40 residents x £1000** would reach the target
- or **125 residents x £320,**
- or **250 residents x £160,**
- or **500 residents x £80,**
- or **1000 residents x £40.**

Pre-application letter sent to the Council

Our barrister has sent a pre-JR application letter to the Council setting out the reasons for seeking the Review and asking them to reverse their decision before the JR gets underway. The Council has replied indicating that it does not intend to do so.

Setting out our case

Our case for a JR has now been completed and filed with the High Court. We think the case is very strong and will give further details as soon as we can.

Join Us in Protecting the Area

Keep Osterley Green arose out of concern about the Nishkam School application. A core of a dozen people have kept it going (organising, writing newsletters, reading documents etc). A further group has helped delivering newsletters and leaflets, attending meetings and events.

We have established ourselves as a residents' group that takes planning matters seriously. However, the workload carried by a few people has been too much. We can't work at this intensity indefinitely. We need your help. What you can do will vary according to your situation but everyone can do something.

Will you join us? Please contact us (details below) to discuss how you can help.

Please make your contributions as soon as possible. Help us to help you protect Osterley's green spaces

Ways to contribute to our legal challenge to the Council

**(1) Pay directly into the KOG Bank account:
The Co-operative Bank
Account name: Keep Osterley Green
Sort code: 08-92-99, Account: 65770728**

OR

**(2) Leave your contribution at Osterley Bookshop in the form of cash or a cheque made out to Keep Osterley Green
(Cheques could be posted to the bookshop)
168a Thornbury Road, Osterley TW7 4QE**

OR

**(3) Arrange for your contribution to be collected.
Call us on 07562 385269, or email us
keeposterleygreen@gmail.com**

OR

**Pay through the Crowd Justice website where our appeal will be launched on Thursday 10th March
www.crowdjustice.co.uk/case/keep-osterley-green**

If you donate £100 or more then we would appreciate it if you would provide us with your contact details. Then we can refund money on a proportionate basis if we are advised that proceeding to Stage 2 of the JR would not be likely to succeed.