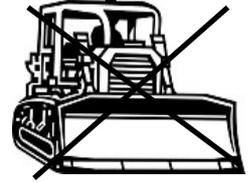




# KEEP OSTERLEY GREEN!

*For the protection of our green spaces & appropriate sustainable development*

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## Finally, JUDICIAL REVIEW Nishkam School – 5th July

### Judicial Review

The date for Stage 1 of the Judicial Review dealing with the Council's decision to approve the Nishkam School proposed for the White Lodge site has been set for 5th July. If our case succeeds, the Stage 2 hearing will follow on the next day, 6th July. The rapidity of this process has been determined by the Educational Funding Agency's request for expedition.

Remember that the purpose of the Review is not to approve or reject the proposal to build a school on the White Lodge/Conquest Club site. It is solely to determine whether or not the Council's approval was reached through a valid process based on established planning procedures. We maintain that it was not.

We note that this Review was started by an Osterley resident and is being funded by residents' donations, whereas the Council's case is using taxpayers' money. Should that resident win Stage 2 of the Review, any appropriate award of costs will enable contributions to be refunded proportionately.

The legal team advises that there is a strong and robust case much of the material for which has been provided by the work of Keep Osterley Green and its supporters, working on behalf of all local residents.

### Donations & Funding

Thus far, through the generosity of local residents, we have raised more than £23000 towards the costs of the Judicial Review. To go forward and have a good chance of success we need to increase our funds to £40000.

The Judicial Review claimant is a pensioner. She has put herself on the line with her home and savings to launch the Judicial Review. Now all of us who want to protect the area owe her all the support we can give.

We are a strong and determined community. If we all come together and make sufficient effort, the additional money required should be forthcoming. So please do come forward and contribute whatever you can afford, to preserve the relative beauty and peace of Osterley for all of us and future generations.

To those who have already pledged money, the time has come to honour those pledges (details are given overleaf). But if necessary, our team will need to start 'knocking on doors' over the coming weeks.

### Living in Osterley

Ask yourself what you value about Osterley and why you like living here. We are blessed with green spaces, parks and playing fields, all of which give the area a semi-rural character. Think of the walks you have taken, the kick-about for children, the community activities and the pleasure of being in a green and leafy area.

All of this is at risk. This is not idle scaremongering. If this Council is allowed to have its way, a precedent will be irrevocably set and we will steadily and surely lose more and more of our precious Metropolitan Open Land and green space. There are at least three new schools in the offing, dense housing incorporating high-rise tower blocks and industrial development, all of which would have vastly inadequate parking facilities in what is already a congested area in terms of road traffic.

We tend to regard Osterley Park as an oasis, guarded in perpetuity by the National Trust. Well, a large part of that area is not NT and already parts of the estate in the north have been put up for sale. Many of its constituent parts are leased out on a tenancy basis and there is nothing to prevent tracts of the land

### 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 need more residents to become involved. **Will you join us?** Please contact us (details at the bottom of the page). Everyone can contribute in one way or another.

being sold off by the landowner, the Earl of Jersey, he who sold the White Lodge/Conquest Club site at considerable profit to the Education Funding Agency.

Some residents may recall the attempt some years ago, by Wates, to build an extensive housing estate on the south-east part of Osterley Park. This was only

defeated through the strenuous efforts of local residents appalled at the prospect.

**So, we ask you to turn your thoughts to what YOU value and what YOU want for Osterley.**

**Once lost, our land will never return.**

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## Other News

The Council, and others, are intimating that the activities of Keep Osterley Green, in opposing the Nishkam School development, are 'holding up' the projected Bolder Academy planned to be built on the present Grasshoppers Rugby Club site at the end of MacFarlane Lane. As it stands, no planning application has yet been submitted for the Bolder Academy, but in any event, whether or not the Nishkam project goes ahead is completely immaterial. The two are not interdependent. The EFA and the Council are simply playing politics with

schools instead of putting the interests of pupils first.

Residents may well have noticed lately various works on and around the White Lodge and Conquest Club site. Enquiries have elicited a range of explanations and the strong suspicion is that the EFA is attempting to pre-empt matters by carrying out activities in pursuit of its avowed aim of building the Nishkam School on the site, irrespective of the Judicial Review. In other words, this seemingly unaccountable body is treating local residents with contempt and disdain. We urge all residents in the area to keep their eyes and ears open and report back any untoward activity on the site.

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## Ways to contribute to our funds for the judicial review of the Nishkam decision

**(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***

***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 successful and have our costs refunded.***