

HELP SAVE BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

Lewisham Leisure Department want to hand over Beckenham Place Park to David Lloyd Clubs for 99 years and allow them to:-

- * Build indoor tennis courts, swimming pool and other club facilities which together create a building the size of three football pitches and looking like a huge factory surrounded by security fences.
- * Alter the existing 18 hole golf course and create a new 9 hole course.
- * Build a two storey, 36 bay golf driving range with 30 foot high fences and flood lighting.
- * Convert the Mansion House into a Club.
- * Convert the stable block into housing and build a terrace of 3 houses, all for sale.
- * Build new car parks for 450 cars with all the necessary access roads.

What will this mean to you?

- + If you are a golfer or tennis player you may welcome the new facilities, but you will be lucky if you can afford to pay for them.
- + If you are a footballer, you will not be pleased that an area that can hold up to 15 pitches will be lost to the Tennis Centre and to Golfers and you will have to play elsewhere.
- + If you are a nature lover, you will be horrified at the loss of many acres of natural habitat.
- + If you simply want to go for a quiet walk, or exercise the dog, you will find yourself fenced out and /or priced out of large areas that have always been open to you.
- + If you live on one of the approach roads you can expect a significant increase in traffic for up to fourteen and a half hours a day.

Why do Lewisham want to do this?

The reason is that Lewisham Borough are overspending and want to hand over responsibility for the Park to the private sector. David Lloyd Clubs will, of course, want their "pound of flesh" and you will, in one way or another, be paying for it!

The Park and playing fields are designated as "Metropolitan Open Land", this means that it is, for built up areas, what "Green Belt" is for the surrounding countryside.

Once it is built over Beckenham Place Park, as we know it, will be lost for ever and other precious green lungs of London will be at risk of suffering a similar fate.

IF YOU WANT TO STOP THIS HAPPENING - write TODAY to :-

Mr. Robin Cross
Borough Planning Officer
London borough of Lewisham
Town Hall Chamber
London SE6 4RY

Also contact your Local Councillor
and your Member of Parliament.

Points to include in your letter are -

- * The extra Golf facilities are too much and will reduce free access to the Park.
- * The tennis centre proposals go against Government guidance and Lewisham's own Plan.
- * A Public Inquiry should be held.

Finally - Attend the Special Council Committee Meeting to be held at Lewisham Town Hall at 7.30pm. Thursday 22nd. October.