

Friends of Haven Green



Keeping Haven Green at the Heart of Ealing

Application by the London Borough of Ealing to Deregister part of Haven Green as Common Land

London Borough of Ealing has applied to the Planning Inspectorate to deregister as common land the lozenge of land on the diagonal road on which the cycle hub stands.

The application follows court action against the Council by the Friends of Haven Green in which FoHG alleges that because it is on common land the cycle hub needs the approval of the Government. It says that the Council was always aware it needed consent for the cycle hub, but it refused to apply for it before starting work.

FoHG opposes the current application strongly. Deregistering the common land now would encourage Ealing and other councils to erode away other pieces of common land that acts of Parliament safeguard as open land for future generations to enjoy.

FOHG stress that they support improved provision for cycling very strongly. Like walking, cycling is a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable way to get around.

However, FoHG say that as the demand for cycle parking on Haven Green is generated almost entirely by commuters on their way to the station. So provision for cycle parking should be made within the station and not on land that has been set aside for people to enjoy as open space and recreation. With the Station shortly to undergo a complete refurbishment as part of Crossrail, there is a great opportunity for space to be found for the bikes somewhere within it.

If you agree with FoHG please write to the Planning Inspectorate at the Common Land Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/25B, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN or email them at commonlandcasework@pins.gsi.gov.uk to add your name to those objecting to the Council's application. **The deadline is 9th May.**