



Bampton Estate, SE23-2XB, building plans

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Without prejudice

Good afternoon,

Dear Councillor John Paschoud, Councillor Alan Till, Counillor Susan Wise

Site of concern: Bampton Estate including the green recreational area and the childrens ball court. SE23-2XB.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/da4ggriz7exd3s6/AADKSPjrPBWjpyDpLFGpeOmJa?dl=0>

My name is Yekaterina Kartasheva and I live in 37, Standlake Point, Windrush Lane, SE23-2XB. I am a leaseholder.

I am writing in hope that you can help us, residents of Bampton Estate, to protect our green area that surrounds our blocks.

Lewisham Homes announced that it is planning to build new housing on the ball court of our estate. It issued a letter which was followed by a meeting between residents of Bampton Estate and Lewisham Homes (Emma Gittus, regeneration project manager, and her team) on 6th of July, 2017. This is their plans:<https://hq3v243wqqe3dgv253uelk9o-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/Bampton-Estate-Public-Consultation-Boards-July-2017.pdf>

A lot of residents came to this meeting and strongly expressed the disagreement to the plans to build anything on the green area around the estate and that includes the ball court. Residents are against any new building projects on our estate because:

1. The green area around the blocks including the ball court is valuable green space for residents and people to rest, have picnics and children to play. It is regularly used by children from the blocks and neighbouring streets. The ball court is regularly used by children to play football and basketball. The grass area is used by people to rest and to spend time out.
2. The green space of our estate has lots of trees, some of them are probably as old as the blocks, some of them are numbered.
3. The trees on our estate are home for protected species: 3 types of woodpeckers, barn owls, stag beetles and invitive species: parakeets.
4. The green space was designed in the past when these three blocks were built for the residents of the blocks to use and enjoy because these block residents do not have gardens due to the nature of the buildings. Our estate is mainly family orientated, there are lots of families with children.
5. There are other issues such as blocks structural safety (some Standlake Point flats have cracks in the walls and ceilings), underground waters that affect the neighbouring house and if the trees taken down, the blocks'

foundation may face flooding and land subsidence which is being questioned by a member of the public https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/bampton_estate_and_subsidence_2

Listing all above, I would also like to mention that there is a shortage of green space in London, the latter is very beneficial to the mental and physical well-being of people (conclusion of some studies <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-22214070> , <http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/POST-PN-0538/POST-PN-0538.pdf>) and encouraged by UK government to protect those green spaces and areas.

The green area surrounding Bampton estate blocks should and has to be protected. Can you please help us to protect our green neighbourhood from Lewisham Homes' intentions to take this green space away from us. I am under the impression (and some of the residents will probably agree with me) that Lewisham Homes will force their building plans disregarding and disrespecting the opinion and wishes of the majority of Bampton residents who disagree with this green space to be used for building new housing. Lewisham Homes is looking for a "quick fix" to housing problems but their ways are not acceptable. There are lots of old buildings like Milverton House on Ardley close (junction with Perry Hill) which has to be taken down and replaced with something bigger and better. Or the site of what used to be old Brent Knoll School on 69 Mayo road that can be demolished and new housing can be built instead. There are certainly other options available and Lewisham Homes' "grab and build" approach is completely unacceptable.

The residents of Bampton Estate and neighbouring houses and streets would like to voice the disagreement with building plans and to stop considering Bampton Estate and its green area with the ball court for any building projects before any consultation process begins. Please see the signatures supporting the objection to building plans and projects attached.

Hoping for your help and reply,

Kind regards

Ye. Kartasheva and residents concerned

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