

# Friends of Haven Green



*Keeping Haven Green at the Heart of Ealing*

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Dear Ms Vu

Thank you for your response of October 5<sup>th</sup> to FOHG's PAP correspondence regarding the deregistration of land at Haven Green. FoHG has discussed its contents and we have decided with regret not to challenge the Inspector's decision.

We wish it understood that we have taken this decision solely because of the threat of costs in their responses to our letter by the inspectorate, the London Borough of Ealing and the Ealing Cycling Campaign. We have decided that we cannot personally accept the risks to us of proceeding.

We still think that the deregistration of part of Haven Green constitutes an act of theft by Ealing Council of land that parliament has safeguarded for the benefit of local people to use for enjoyment and recreation. As the inspector at the inquiry found, the purpose of the cycle hub relates to Ealing Broadway Station next door, and the Crossrail Act offered the Council a perfectly acceptable way to provide this without building on protected space.

LBE enclosed this part of Haven Green with absolute disregard for the safeguards that Parliament has provided. We have grown dismayed that in following the procedures set out for us to address this illegal act, we have been consistently outgunned by the unlimited public resources Ealing Council has drawn on to justify its actions. While our letter to you was only copied to LBE for information, it has again used professional advice paid from public coffers to deter us from proceeding. We consider that the inspector's decision is a reward to the Council for this behaviour.

In this respect LBE has now succeeded. While we consider the inspector's decision on this case was flawed, Friends of Haven Green does not have the resources to continue our fight. We are a voluntary group of local people whose only aim is to protect the public good. Our latest annual income was £60 which was made up of small scale donations from supporters. Our committee is comprised of retired people of relatively modest means and we simply cannot afford the risks that would fall on us personally if we proceed with a legal challenge.

I hope this explains our position.

Yours sincerely

Greg Phelan  
Chairman