

# Wandsworth Society

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Wandsworth Council Planning Department  
(FAO Jessica Leane)

By e-mail

Dear Ms Leane,

## **Planning application 2015/4797 – The Lodge & Cottage Dorlcote Road SW18 3RT**

We **object** to this application on the following grounds:

- a. The proposed preschool offers no benefit to the wider local community or the generality of the Common's users;
- b. The Common's facilities are already heavily used, and arguably already over-used, by local schools and individuals for sports and physical training. The impact of a significant number of additional children, even very young ones, plus teaching staff, parents and support staff, will be substantial;
- c. In the apparent absence of adequate plans to control the inevitable increase of traffic in adjacent streets, there will be unacceptable impacts on the surrounding local road environment (as many residents have already commented).

As regards (b), it is difficult to see how proper judgements and decisions can be made by the Council or anyone else about the impacts of increased activity on the Common in the **absence of an up-to-date Management Plan for the Common** (the current version having been put together in the 1980s), agreed by the Council with representatives of local residents and Common users. We understand that an up-dated Plan has been promised by the Council for many years. Its absence is of increasing concern now that the Common is being managed under contract and that contract is likely to be put out to tender in the relatively near future.

Finally, we note that the applicant states (para 17 of the report) that "consultation with the community would be undertaken as part of the application process". There has been no such consultation with the Wandsworth Society.

Yours sincerely,

David Kirk  
Chair

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