

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to you as you own land in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, London which is in or near the Lee Forum Area.

Lee Forum is a neighbourhood plan that spans Lewisham and the Royal Borough of Greenwich. Lee Forum is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The draft neighbourhood plan can be read on the home page of [www.leeforum.org.uk](http://www.leeforum.org.uk). Within the draft plan are policies and aspirations pertaining the The Quaggy Trail which could affect your land:

### **What is the Quaggy Trail within the Lee Forum Area?**

- A Quaggy River foot/cycle (to be determined) linear park between Lee Green town centre and Sutcliffe Park giving maximum access to the riverside environment. This is part of a larger walk that continues into the Lewisham part of Lee Forum's designated area.

### **In brief, we believe it would provide the following benefits to the local community.**

- Celebrate and raise awareness of the natural river course, its wildlife and topography
- Protect and improve the flood plain and the natural environment of the River Quaggy
- Public health - take pedestrians and cyclists off main roads, away from vehicle emissions and road dangers
- Public Health – create increased opportunities for walking/cycling
- Increased connectivity between Kidbrooke and Lee Green so that residents of both can use each other's shops, community centres, playgrounds, sports centre, pubs, supermarket etc, increasing community cohesion.

### **Why we are approaching landowners:**

- Our neighbourhood plan is a planning document in the same way as all planning documents. It works within the law and fully respects private ownership. It in no way wants to or assumes, nor would it be allowed to by the localism act, independent examiners and councils to force anything on landowners.
- Lee Forum are approaching landowners to see if these conversations can be opened. There is no assumption that the trail can be achieved. There do appear to be access issues as well as ownership questions, but we would like to open the conversations up. It's possible that some stretches might be opened (e.g. those parts of Royal Borough of Greenwich land) and others are not but we would like to explore as much as possible as this is a very widely supported local aspiration that we feel could benefit landowners too
- The neighbourhood forum have paid for three full area leaflet drops and carried out many engagement exercises to involve residents and landowners since 2015 but have worried about how much in reality those leaflets would be read when delivered to a clubhouse or large supermarkets or where there is no building to deliver to, for example a sports field. For that reason, we are trying to directly contact these larger and non-building landowners separately.
- There will be another full area, section 16 consultation, coming up this year where all residents and landowners can again suggest amendments to the plan, and an independent examination after that where the examiner looks at the plan in relation to feedback received to be sure that they are accounted for appropriately.

- To invite to you to comment on the neighbourhood plan as a consultee
- To be sure you are involved in all of that it would be great if we could be given permission to add you to Lee Forum's email list. That way you would be alerted immediately to the section 16 consultation. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss to proposal in greater detail ahead of any consultation, we would love to engage with you further. Please contact Lee Forum on the email given below

Kind regards

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