

# NOT A DONE DEAL

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*One of London's  
50 green spaces  
under threat*

- The All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) want to expand into Wimbledon Park to create an Industrial Tennis Complex
- They plan to build an 8,000-seat stadium, 38 grass courts, ten other buildings and 9km of roads and paths
- This will take at least eight years of disruption and pollution
- It will cause substantial net loss to biodiversity and to open space
- Merton Council approved the plans; Wandsworth Council rejected them
- The Greater London Authority (GLA) will decide on the future of Wimbledon Park

**Have your  
say here**



<https://planapps.london.gov.uk/planningapps/21-P2900>

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**HOW?** Go to the GLA planning website via the QR Code below and fill out the comments form

It will only take you a few minutes to help protect Wimbledon Park for future generations. To add comments, see below for a summary briefing

Below are some key concerns. The GLA’s online form lets you select issues most important to you and add your own comments: <https://planapps.london.gov.uk/planningapps/21-P2900>



● **LOSS OF OPEN SPACE.** The 8,000-seat stadium, 38 tennis courts, 10 ancillary buildings and 9km of roads and paths will result in a ‘net loss of open space/green infrastructure’ (Wandsworth Council). This is highly protected Metropolitan Open Land (Urban Green Belt).

● **HARM TO BIODIVERSITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.** The area will be heavily excavated, infilled and levelled, destroying protected priority habitats. There will be a substantial net loss to biodiversity and to urban greening. Thousands of tons of concrete will be used in the construction of the stadium, courts, buildings and roads. 300 mature trees and 500 smaller specimens will be felled, releasing CO<sup>2</sup>. Replacements will take decades to grow, ignoring the current climate emergency.

● **HARM TO HERITAGE.** At 28m high and 104m wide the stadium will dominate views across Capability Brown’s protected historic parkland.

● **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.** AELTC want to close Church Road to everyone (not just vehicles) during the Championships. The proposals will also increase traffic and congestion at Southfields tube station.

● **MISLEADING CLAIMS ABOUT PUBLIC ACCESS** The ‘AELTC Park’ will belong to the AELTC who will control public access: this can be withdrawn at any time (“permissive access”). Community access to new tennis courts will be negligible. A public walkway around the lake is already legally required, so must be delivered by the AELTC – regardless of their expansion plans.

● **OTHER** Air pollution from construction traffic. 40,400 lorry movements over eight years (AELTC’s own data). Up to 54 vehicles per day, one every 10 mins from 8am to 5pm, along residential roads and past many schools and nurseries.

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**Save Wimbledon Park** is pleased to have the support of MPs Stephen Hammond and Fleur Anderson plus CPRE London, Save Britain’s Heritage, The Wimbledon Society, Friends of Wimbledon Park, The Capability Brown Society, Friends of Wimbledon Town Centre, Wandsworth Society and Merton Friends of the Earth, and also Wimbledon and Wandsworth Residents Associations (RA): Belvedere Estate RA, Osbourne House RA, Parkside RA, Sutherland Grove Conservation Area RA, Southfields Grid RA, Southfields Triangle 6 RA, Victoria Drive Conservation Area RA, Wimbledon Park RA and Wimbledon Union of Residents’ Associations.