



The proposed location for the bus stands is close to the children's paddling pool, which creates two issues. Firstly, up to seven buses parked in line is **potentially lethal** with children unable to cross safely without a clear view of the road. Secondly, diesel fumes from the buses will drift over the paddling pool. Although bus drivers are meant to turn off their engines when taking their breaks, they do not. Complaints about this practice fall on deaf ears at Transport for London. Residents in The Polygon have a recently installed single bus stand in front of their homes. They are experiencing diesel fumes and disturbed sleep due to engine noise from the 24 hour bus service which uses it.



In recent years, a number of new developments around the Old Town have resulted in extra demand for parking spaces. If the bus stand moves, it will take away resident parking places on both sides of The Pavement, which is also used by the Car Club scheme. Whilst Lambeth plans to keep the number spaces the same, their representative was unable to tell us where these would be, suggesting that there is no other space left to do this. We certainly cannot find any.

The three beautiful mature trees on The Pavement, adjacent to the Old Fire Station, (shown right) could be at risk. The trees would be in the way of parked buses if Option A were chosen because buses would be parked against them.

In addition, the pleasant, almost rural, walk from the High Street and surrounding areas into Old Town will be lost as we are confronted by a wall of buses. **We must protect our open spaces and conservation areas.**

## Save our Trees



Finally, surely the estimated cost of £3,000,000 could be better spent at this time of financial restraint.

If you feel strongly about this, we would really appreciate if you could lodge your concerns to Lambeth Council whose contact details are given on the next page. This would be more effective than just filling in the survey on the Lambeth website, which we feel is heavily slanted in favour of Option A, although complete this too. **The deadline for comments has been extended to 14 November**, so there is little time left to voice an opinion.

We have just launched a website, which highlights the consequences of the plans, and from which you can access more details. **Do spend a little time looking at it.** You can view it by visiting [www.saveclaphamcommon.com](http://www.saveclaphamcommon.com)

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## **CONTACT details for your concerns**

If you would like to express your concerns to Lambeth Council about the consequences of the proposed Clapham Gateway plans, use the contact details at the end of this page. Because of current postal delays we recommend using email.

Most importantly, as well as emailing Lambeth and its Councillors, fill in Lambeth's online Questionnaire, bearing in mind that it is heavily slanted in favour of Option A.

You can access Lambeth's Questionnaire by clicking on the link below. Half way down, on the resulting Lambeth web page you will see an orange link called "answer our survey to give us your views". This will take you to the form.

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/AboutLambeth/ClaphamGatewayEnvironmentalImprovements.htm>

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