

PROTECT CLAPHAM COMMON 2020-2025

JOIN US!

PEACEFUL
PICNIC
PROTEST!

NO CONSENT?
NO EVENT!

Join us from 7am on Monday 16 August 2021
Bring your picnic blanket and your flask of tea

Meet on the Common.
See the map attached.
X marks the spot!

- **Be polite**
- **Be patient**
- **Be persistent**

Why are we protesting?

1. We are not here to object to the events on Clapham Common.
2. We are not here to put our views on whether holding these types of events are good or bad.
3. We are here to protest against Lambeth Council breaking the law.

What law has Lambeth Council broken?

1. Lambeth Council must apply for permission for these types of events to the Secretary of State for the Environment because Commons are a heavily protected type of open space.
2. Parliament has legislated for the views in favour of these events and the views against these events to be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment.
3. Lambeth Council wrote to the Secretary of State to ask for permission to hold these events.

4. 476 local people wrote to the Secretary of State to object to the events.
5. Under the laws to protect the Commons, it is **ONLY** the Secretary of State who has the power to weigh up these competing views and decide whether to grant permission to hold the events.
6. The Secretary of State has not yet made a decision to grant consent or to refuse consent.
7. For Lambeth Council to go ahead with the events without consent is a breach of law.

Why does this matter?

1. It is not for the party requesting the consent (Lambeth Council) to decide to go ahead anyway, without consent, on the basis that they think the events are good for the local people or that they think they can get consent later.
2. It is not ok for us to break the law in the hope that the judge will let us off later, so it is not ok for a public authority to break the law in the hope that the Secretary of State will let them off later.

What are our rights?

We, as the local people, are perfectly entitled to exercise our rights as Commoners over Clapham Common without hindrance or obstruction.

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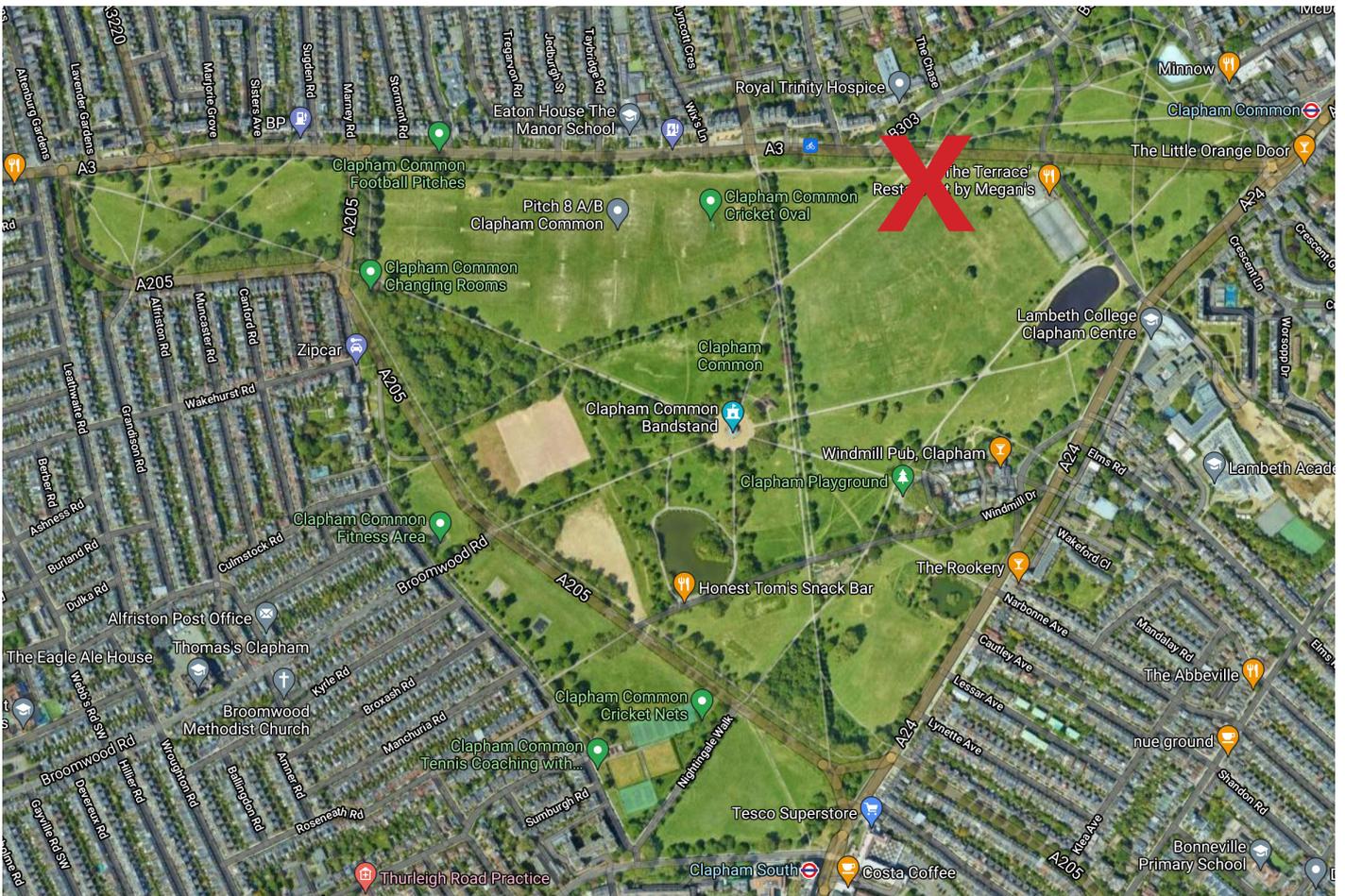
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