

URGENT - Heyswood Campsite threatened by Highways England

We hope that you have heard about the threat to Heyswood Campsite and have already acted to support us. If not please write NOW and sign our petition and encourage everyone you can to do the same.



Atkins working on behalf of Highways England have proposed making our private track into a two-way public road through the site, which will make it difficult to ensure safeguarding for our young people, severing the site in two and causing a substantial loss of land.

We only have until 14 December 2018 to make our case.

We need you to write to “FREEPOST M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange”. No stamp is required.

The letter needs to be in your own words and it would be good to include the following points:

1. We cannot have a public road cutting through our campsite as this creates risks in safeguarding children,
2. The full facility is needed and cannot function if the site is split as buildings will need to be relocated and we would lose carparking space. Typically, in a special events year we had 6,000 children visiting the site, while normally we would have 2,000 children staying over and 1,000 visiting in a year.
3. The facilities at Heyswood Guide Campsite are important to help young people in London and Surrey develop resilience, encourage enjoyment of the natural outdoor world, to discourage obesity and help them gain self-confidence in a totally safe environment.

- or you can email info@highwaysengland.co.uk with a subject line that mentions M25 junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange.

You may also wish to sign our petition to show your support at

<https://www.change.org/p/highways-england-help-keep-heyswood-campsite-safe>

by this evening we have already reached 2500 signatures, so we are now aiming for 5000

Please ask your friends and family to support us. We need at least 500 letters plus emails to hit Highways England in the next few days, so get busy please.

In other news

Our **Challenge ropes course** has been built in the woods near to the campfire circle and will be ready for use in the Spring.

This low-level course is only 1 metre off the ground but is designed to develop communication, problem solving, balance and co-ordination and leadership skills while navigating a route round a mix of poles, ropes and wires, working together as a team.



Unfortunately, our **Race night** planned for September was cancelled through lack of support, we hope that more people will be encouraged to join us for a night of fun in the Spring - watch for more details

Work days have continued through the Autumn as there are always jobs to be done. The Aeroball and the pool have been packed away for the winter and work is continuing to renew the concrete fireplaces as well as cutting back and general tidying and maintenance. We always welcome offers of help so look out for dates next year.

To reply or comment on any of the above please email us at: friendsofheyswood@hotmail.co.uk