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The Secretary of State for Levelling Up
Housing and Communities
23 Stephenson Street
Birmingham
B2 4B

Dear Sir,

**We write in Support of the Compulsory Purchase of Land and New Rights in Twickenham Riverside.
The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Twickenham Riverside) Compulsory Purchase
Order 2021.**

We are Twickenham residents, who support the removal of parking from our Riverside and the creation of a new, fully pedestrianized, public events space, park and gardens. We signed a petition to this effect, which to date has several thousands of signatures.

The Council appointed an independent body, the RIBA, to oversee an architectural competition which was won by Hopkins Architects. The proposed scheme that has been developed has the support of Twickenham's residents.

The brief required the integration of disparate parts of the site to provide a 'whole site' solution, including the Diamond Jubilee Gardens. The new proposals were agreed to by the Twickenham Riverside Trust. The proposed Gardens, children's play area and café/tea room are considerably larger and of a better standard than the existing. A large, flexible multi-functional space has been created for public events and markets at a scale that currently is not possible. Accessibility is considerably improved, and the removal of roadway and parking has enabled the entire area to be pedestrianised to create a quality public realm that is people, not vehicle, centred.

The above improvements can only be brought about by bringing together the constituent parts of the overall site. A CPO is necessary to enable the creation of a 'whole site' solution as proposed by Hopkins Architects and the Council.

We thus appeal to you to uphold this CPO for the overall benefit of the residents of Twickenham and our many visitors.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNED

Ian Crockford & Michelle Crockford