Dear Sirs,

I write further to the notice dated 8 December 2021 regarding the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames (Twickenham Riverside) Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Port of London Authority's (PLA) interest in the Order Land includes land over which crane oversailing rights are to be acquired. To the PLA's knowledge, the Council have not sought to negotiate such oversailing rights with the PLA at any point. It is clear that from section 7.15 of the statement of reasons, the Council has set out they will negotiate and agree the terms of any licence or easement which is required for the grant of crane oversailing rights. The PLA has not been approached by the Council to enter negotiations in respect of those aforementioned rights.

For information the PLA is the statutory port and harbour authority for the tidal River Thames between Teddington and the Thames Estuary. Its statutory functions include responsibility for conservancy, hydrographic surveying, dredging, navigation and controlling vessel movements. The PLA's consent is required for the carrying out of all works and dredging within its statutory limits not only as a land owner but includes the grant of a separate licence under section 66 of the Port of London Act for any works over the River Thames. The section 66 licence is independent of any property rights provided by the PLA and any activity over the river should be subject to the grant of such licence. The PLA do not suggest the acquisition of crane oversailing rights is warranted when the Council do not appear to have attempted to negotiate such rights before the notice of the Order was given.

Kind regards

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