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**Subject:** FW: Twickenham Riverside Compulsory Purchase Order 2021

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Dear Sirs,

For well over 20 years Richmond Council run by LibDems sat on this site promising all sorts of things and did nothing, then the Conservative party ran the council for a short while and

- turned it into some lovely gardens
- with a children's playground
- plus installed a cafe run by Debbie the manager to help disabled people have a chance to work

If the conservative party had not got into power for that short space of time I am sure that this site would still be derelict like the rest of the area that has been proposed as 'the riverside site' for the past 40 plus years.

I strongly object to Richmond Council request for a CPO as Jubilee Gardens is a fantastic space and is frequented by many people and groups. For nearly 50 nearly years Richmond Council run by the LibDems have not kept their word and I cannot see them as any different now. Jubliee Gardens should be kept for the residents - the space is a haven especially in the summer with the lighter evenings.

In the council's new plans there is no proposed cafe to be run by disabled people of Richmond borough - instead there is a cafe that will be put out to tender, no doubt one of the big chains will win the bid. The play area in Jubiliee Gardens is enclosed which in turn is enclosed within the gardens giving parents more peace of mind that children are kept safer. The cafe is very near the playground and is frequented by mothers with children, plus by many regulars during school hours. The whole community around these gardens will be shattered by the current council in power at Richmond if the CPO is approved.

If Richmond Council are serious about redevelopment of Twickenham Riverside then start work on the other end which has been left derelict for years. The CPO has been requested so the council can build a block of flats on the site, these are studio, one and two bed flats - as more people are working from home people want an office ie. an extra bedroom. I think that no thought has been put into the Council's project, except how to obtain the maximum amount of money through government grants, local taxes, etc... The flats built by Solum at Twickenham station have still not been sold - people want gardens and space not towering blocks of flats which puts everything in the shade.

## I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE CPO OF JUBILEE GARDENS - THIS SPACE SHOULD BE KEPT FOR THE PEOPLE OF TWICKENHAM AS IT IS

Yours faithfully, Jill Clark



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