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re: Objection to the LBRUT Compulsory Purchase Order of Land and New Rights in Twickenham Riverside

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing as a local Councillor and Leader of the Conservative Group in Richmond to object to the compulsory purchase order of land and new rights in Twickenham Riverside by Richmond Council. My reasons include the following:

- The exchange of land is not equally advantageous to the public.
- The purpose for which the Council is proposing to acquire the land can be achieved by other means. In fact there has already been a planning application approved by the Council four years ago leaving the Diamond Jubilee Gardens in place.
- The derelict area of the site can be improved without a CPO on the Diamond Jubilee Gardens.
- The Diamond Jubilee Gardens was put in trust for 125 years by Richmond Council only within the last ten years, to protect them on behalf of residents and to prevent future Council administrations from interfering with them
- Public support for the CPO has certainly not been proven. The Council has only done vague public surveys with limited options.
- It is not equally accessible to all residents.

Yours sincerely,

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