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To:
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities
Planning Casework Unit,
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18th November, 2021

Dear Secretary of State
re Objection to LBRuT Compulsory Purchase Order of Land & New Rights in Twickenham
Riverside

I am writing as a local Councillor and Joint Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group to object to this CPO for reasons including:-

- The exchange of land is not equally advantageous to the public
- The purpose for which the Council proposes to acquire the land can be achieved by other means. A planning application was approved in 2018 leaving the Diamond Jubilee Gardens in their current location
- The derelict area of the site can be improved without this CPO
- The Diamond Jubilee Gardens was put in trust for 125 years by London Borough of Richmond upon Thames in 2014 to protect them as open space for residents and prevent future Council administrations from interfering with them
- Public support for the CPO has not been proven. The Council has done limited public surveys
- The proposed replacement site is split, partly on the flood plain and will not provide the safe accessible space for residents to enjoy and hold events.

Yours faithfully

Pamela Fleming