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Subject: Richmond on Thames Council Compulsory purchase order - Twickenham Riverside Planning Application

Mr. Michael Gove MP
The Secretary of State for Levelling Up.

Ref: Twickenham Riverside Development Planning Application
Compulsory purchase order application by Richmond on Thames Council

Dear Mr. Gove,

I object to the above compulsory purchase order and planning application for the following reasons:

1. This whole scheme, like many others from Richmond LibDem council, is simply political bullying against the residents and the Conservative minority.
2. If Richmond Lib Dems really had the broad public support they claim, they would not need a compulsory purchase order.
3. From 6 January 2021 until 3 February 2021, Richmond Council ran a 'consultation' asking residents about their views on the proposals for the Twickenham Riverside development.

Apparently 829 people responded.

Of those 829 people, 73% agreed that the *'proposed development achieves the ambition of high-quality open space and pedestrianised priority'*.

Maybe it does, but 73% of 829 people is only 605 people.

Richmond's population is about 196,000, meaning that the 605 people is a mere 0.3%.

Council leader Gareth Roberts was reported as saying:

"Local residents like this scheme and they want to see it delivered. If the Tories think their path back to power in Twickenham will be by opposing public investment in this key site to create a beautiful Riverside destination, and in doing so block the first scheme ever that has had broad public support, then they will find themselves losing at the next and subsequent elections, and deservedly so".

How can 0.3% of the population can be regarded as "broad public support" ?

4. In the Richmond LibDem newsletter of 23 September 2021, Council leader Gareth Roberts yet again claimed the support of *'countless residents'* for his Council's plans for Twickenham Riverside.

How is 0.3% '*countless residents*' ?

This scheme is clearly political and not for the benefit of residents.

I can offer no views on the actual development because, like the other 99.7%, I was never consulted.

That's why I object to this planning application and compulsory purchase order.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Jay

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