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Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

Planning Casework Unit, Department for Levelling Up Housing & Communities,

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Dear Sirs,

PCU/S19/L5810/3286304

I wish to object to the Issue of Certificate in this matter, and would ask the Secretary of State not to issue such a certificate.

I am writing as a resident of Twickenham for more than 40 years, and until recently I was a Trustee of Twickenham Riverside Trust, a registered charity (no. 1147557). The Trust has a long lease of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, the subject of the CPO. I know the site extremely well.

I submit that it is too soon for anybody to make an informed judgement on this matter until the final definitive scheme is available. This has not yet happened - for example, there is an outstanding CPO of land belonging to the Port of London Authority within this site. The decision on this might well affect details of the land swap proposed.

In any event, the request by the Borough of Richmond for a certificate, details of which are given in para 2, is manifestly misleading, as the basic requirement for a land swap, as described by the Charity Commissioners, is not fulfilled by the Council's suggestions. There are many reasons why the land proposed in exchange for the Diamond Jubilee Gardens is not "as good as, or better than" the existing demise; while the overall area may be adequate, the quality of the land offered is certainly not. There are numerous reasons for this, that are too detailed to give here, but which I am happy to submit in a separate correspondence if it would be helpful.

Yours faithfully

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