


16th November, 2021

Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities,
Planning Casework Unit,
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Birmingham, B3 2PW

Dear Sir,

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Twickenham Riverside)
Compulsory Purchase Order 2021 – Compulsory Purchase of Land and New Rights
in Twickenham Riverside.

I wish to object to the above Compulsory Purchase Order of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens on Twickenham Riverside.

At the moment the Gardens provide an accessible, safe and secure place for everyone including children, the elderly, the disabled and those with mobility problems. A consultation showed that its enclosed safeness above the flood plain is one of the aspects that the public most appreciates. The “new” exchanged public open space for the Diamond Jubilee Gardens that we are being offered includes an already existing road which is down on the flood plain and which will still contain traffic, and a pavement. Much of the concreted stepped and grassed-terraced site will be inaccessible to the elderly and those with mobility problems, and the children will no longer be able to play in a safe environment away from the river except when in their playground. This is not an equitable exchange of land.

There are already usable plans for the derelict area of the site that leave the Diamond Jubilee Gardens untouched. The plans were drawn up by the Conservative Council but the incoming Liberal Democrat Council in 2018 chose to reject them and start again.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Hamilton-Miller (Mrs)
Resident of Twickenham and user of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens

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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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Birmingham B2 4BH

Dear Sirs,

PCU/S19/L5810/3286304

I wish to object to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Twickenham Riverside) Compulsory Purchase Order 2021 and in particular what is termed “Improved Open Space Land” in 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(aa).

I have been a council tax payer in Twickenham for the past 51 years. I regularly visit this area, and in particular the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, my husband having recently retired after 9 years as a Trustee of the Twickenham Riverside Trust. I was on the committee organising events on the Gardens so know the land and area extremely well.

Under 2 (a) the claim that the exchanged land will be equally advantageous is clearly erroneous e.g. Plots 24 and 26 are currently safe wide pavement areas with benches where people can sit. This area of pavement is being removed to widen a road at a busy junction with the main road and an adjoining road in order to make Water Lane two way and give access for large articulated lorries to pass. **There has been no recent safety audit done on this, the previous one saying that the plan was dangerous.** Most of the other areas mentioned are currently derelict and closed to the public.

2 (b) The Council is currently in charge of these areas so to say that there will be improved management doesn't say much for their current management!

2 (c) As these areas are our recently improved riverside Embankment Gardens then why is there a need for a CPO. This is an unnecessary expense for the local Council Tax payers to

have to pay.

A visit to the area will confirm the above.

The Compulsory Purchase Order against the Twickenham Riverside Trust (a charity) and the Port of London Authority should be rejected. The derelict area can be developed without the need to remove a popular playground and gardens in order to build an ugly five storey block of private flats which will tower over the much loved Conservation Area and Eel Pie Island.

Yours sincerely

Susan Hamilton-Miller