

# Eel Pie Island Slipways Ltd.

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Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames (Twickenham Riverside) Compulsory Purchase Order 2021, Compulsory Purchase of Land and New Rights in Twickenham Riverside**

As a working boatyard on the river Thames, I strongly object to the above mentioned Compulsory Purchase Order of Land and New Rights in Twickenham Riverside.

Here are my main concerns:

- Firstly, as a Riparian Borough, it is my understanding the all Embankments alongside the river Thames are the property of the Port of London Authority and as such the proposed actions are illegal.
- The site in question is a unique location, where the only access to Eel Pie Island is via a footbridge which falls within the site boundary.
- The application contains a stopping up order of the Embankment Road, a stopping up order was NOT included in the recent planning application relevant to the site.
- This road gives safe access for all vehicles to circulate, load and unload and therefore essential infrastructure for my business and the deliveries to other businesses and residents.
- As a boatyard owner, it is essential to have parking and unloading near to the footbridge. Most of our deliveries come on transport of all sizes including flatbed trucks and articulated lorries bringing supplies of steel plate, paint, engines etc. Parking is also essential for visiting boat owners, surveyors and engineers as they need to carry heavy equipment onto the Island.

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In summary, the proposals will force me to close my business putting several local, skilled people out of work and allowing yet another over priced riverside development to spring up.

I do hope you will give my objections serious thought. Since taking over this boatyard 30 years ago, I have seen numerous other boatyards close for development. With more and more people choosing to live on the river, it has become very difficult for them to find somewhere to have their boats surveyed and repaired.

If you would like to discuss this further, I am happy to talk to you anytime.

Kind regards



**Ken Dwan** oly  
**Managing Director**  
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