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Rt Hon. Michael Gove
Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities
Planning Casework Unit,
5 St Philip's Place,
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Birmingham, B3 2PW

Re: Compulsory Purchase of Public Open Space in Twickenham, Middlesex

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (Twickenham Riverside) Compulsory Purchase Order 2021

Dear Sir,

I write as a concerned local resident to strongly object to this proposed order.

A large part of the site was a public swimming pool, the demolition of which was subject to a public enquiry at which I was a speaker.

Subsequently the Council decided to create a public park on the site – with the park retaining some of the features from the old pool, which was a significant part of Twickenham's history.

Unfortunately part of the site outside the pool area has remained semi derelict.

There is no need or public benefit in redeveloping anything other than the currently derelict part of the site.

As a comment the only beneficiaries of such schemes are property oligarchs and their servants who benefit from the transfer of public assets to private profit.

I ask you to reject this Compulsory Purchase Order.

Yours faithfully

J. H Vie