## Mrs M Payan MBE

Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Planning Casework Unit, 5 St Philip's Place, Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2PW



Dear Sir.

18th November 2021

My husband and I are Twickenham residents of 52 years standing. With our children and grandchildren we enjoy the wonderful asset of the Twickenham riverside and find the proposed changes lacking sensitivity to the history, beauty and character of this precious area of public open space and its surroundings.

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

## Compulsory Purchase of Land and New Rights in Twickenham Riverside.

We and our families object strongly to the above Compulsory Purchase Order of Land and New Rights in Twickenham Riverside for the following reasons:

The Diamond Jubilee Gardens was granted a 125 year lease and put into the Charitable care of the Twickenham Riverside Trust in 2014. Selling the land undermines public trust and makes any such future pledge meaningless.

The exchange land presents gross over building and less public open space.

The removal of trees and gardens is against climate change, as is the addition of impervious concrete areas.

The purpose for which the Council is proposing to acquire the land can be achieved by other means.

The derelict area of the site can be done without a CPO on the Diamond Jubilee Gardens.

It is not equally accessible to all residents.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Maureen Payan MBE