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Subject: CPO for Twickenham Riverside
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Dear Ms Newman,

I understand that you will be hearing the case concerning the CPO which Richmond Council wants to implement to develop Twickenham Riverside.

I am writing as someone who has been a resident of Twickenham for more than 40 years.

Throughout this time, the Riverside has been largely undeveloped and not particularly attractive. Indeed, some of it has been a bit of an eyesore. There have been other plans to redevelop the Riverside but none have been able to come to fruition. This has been an embarrassing disgrace. The current Riverside is not a particularly attractive welcoming place and yet it could be made so much better and become a real jewel in Twickenham's crown.

The current council has done much better than its predecessors and it has brought forward a decent workable plan. Is it perfect? No. There are things that I might quibble about. Is it an improvement on the current state of affairs? Undoubtedly. It would make a huge difference to the centre of Twickenham and I am really looking forward to it being completed.

I gather that the plan has widespread support throughout the community but, unfortunately, it is now being opposed by the Twickenham Riverside Trust (TRT) who are refusing to allow the purchase of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens. It is, I think, unacceptable that a small group such as the TRT should be able to block this scheme. Twickenham really needs this development to go ahead. If it fails, then we will be back to square one and that will be a source of immense frustration and bitterness among many Twickenham residents.

As a local resident, I am appealing to you to allow the CPO proceed.

Yours sincerely

Douglas Robinson
