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The Case Officer,
Environment, Transport and Compulsory Purchase
The Planning Inspectorate
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For the attention of: Rachel Newman

Dear Ms Newman,

Re: Twickenham Riverside Compulsory Purchase Order

We are frequent visitors to Twickenham, having lived there for many years, and have closely followed the proposed development of Twickenham Riverside. It is currently a dispiriting place – a carpark on prime riverside frontage overlooked by derelict buildings. The Diamond Jubilee Gardens have little to offer, hidden behind a brick wall with poor access. The Riverside could be so much more.

We were thus delighted with the proposals put forward by Hopkins Architects in their winning architectural submission. Opening up the overall site to include the current Diamond Jubilee Gardens, derelict buildings, parking and roadway in the creation a larger garden space and much needed events area would be a massive improvement for residents and visitors alike.

We note that a larger children's playground and café/tea room would also be provided. Accessibility and movement through the new Gardens would be greatly improved for older people, wheelchairs and pushchairs through the introduction of graduated footpaths cleverly integrated into the landscape, all fully visible from the riverside.

It is clear that this transformation can only be brought about by combining the separate parts of this overall site, including the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, and that a Compulsory Purchase Order would be necessary to enable this to happen.

We thus appeal to you in the interests of residents and visitors alike to uphold this CPO.

Yours sincerely,

cc. Ms. Joanna Vincent (Public Inquiry Manager)