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For the attention of: Rachel Newman, Case Officer

Dear Ms Newman,

L.B. Richmond u. Thames (Twickenham Riverside), CPO 2021

My wife and I are residents of Richmond and Twickenham since 1968. We now write in support of the Compulsory Purchase Order, to enable the so far best and most appropriate urban scheme for our Riverside site to go ahead.

The Twickenham Riverside has exceptional qualities, tranquillity, wildlife habitats and precious vistas framed by Eel Pie Island and it's timeless boating activities. We deeply value this haven, but have become increasingly concerned about the advancing dereliction of the central part of this precious site.

For a few decades we have seen a succession of proposals for this area, some of them brash and highly commercial, some of them too contrived and of the kind that, if built, would now be candidates for redevelopment.

We now feel lucky to have a development proposal of extremely high quality for the Twickenham Riverside, resulting from an extensive process of consultations with us residents and following the RIBA design competition. It connects the Town Centre to the new riverside park with pleasantly scaled and desirable buildings framing the vistas and brings the play area and sitting out spaces into the heart of the site.

The Diamond Jubilee Gardens, subject of the current CPO, have been appreciated as a nicely landscaped corner contrasting with the dereliction of the surrounding land. However, its relocation and enlargement as a core feature of a thoughtfully balanced Riverside development that also removes the never acceptable car park from the river's edge is, on balance, a small price to pay.

We strongly wish for this development of Twickenham Riverside to proceed, hopefully in our lifetime, and therefore support the necessary CPOs to make it possible.

Yours faithfully,

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William Bossert

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