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

Dear Ms Newman,

Compulsory Purchase Order for Twickenham Riverside Redevelopment

I am writing to express my support for the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the land occupied by Diamond Jubilee Gardens on Twickenham riverside. I understand that the much needed and long overdue redevelopment of the riverside in Twickenham was unanimously supported by the Trustees of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens and would appear to be popular with most local residents with whom I have spoken. I have been very surprised to learn that the new members of the Trust are now opposing the COP and the proposed redevelopment.

The proposed project, developed by a highly respected architecture practice, clearly enjoys widespread support locally and it will bring a very welcome boost to the current site that is neither attractive nor of much use to the local community. The proposed redevelopment will provide an excellent facility to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, and it is disturbing that this is being blocked by a well organised but unrepresentative group. It is noteworthy that planning permission has already been granted and the redevelopment project is now being unnecessarily delayed.

I would like to plead with you to ensure that the CPO is implemented in order to allow the redevelopment to proceed and to give a new lease of life to this neglected site.

Yours sincerely,



Julian J Bommer