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Environment, Transport and Compulsory Purchase The Planning Inspectorate 3A Eagle Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN

For the attention of: Ms Rachel Newman, Case Officer

Dear Ms Newman,

I am writing in support of the Compulsory Purchase Order issued by the Council to acquire land on Twickenham riverside known as the Diamond Jubilee Gardens.

Whilst I am aware that the Trustees and others oppose the CPO, I, together with a group of Twickenham residents, urge that the CPO be approved to allow this redevelopment to go ahead. We can then have a set of new facilities to attract people to the riverside and end the nearly forty-year blight on the area. The scheme also provides housing including a significant proportion of affordable housing, which is badly needed in Twickenham.

The design for the site has been developed over the last year or two by a highly experienced architectural practice and through a number of iterations now largely meets with approval from a significant number of the residents of Twickenham and the wider borough. Many local residents want the scheme progressed to create an open welcoming area by the river for residents and visitors to enjoy. There will be a variety of events and new facilities on a site that at present has a large area of derelict land.

I urge you to please approve the implementation of the CPO so that the redevelopment of the site can progress as Planning permission has already been granted.

Yours Sincerely

Paul Phillips