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Subject: Twickenham Riverside: Healthy mature tree relocation proposal - retaining precious community assets
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Dear Joanna and Cllr Chard,

Regarding the current inquiry into the Twickenham Riverside proposal, I support the need to redevelop and enhance the site - recognising the urgent need for more affordable, sustainable and inclusive homes, as well as the sorry state of a number of buildings which have sat empty on the site for several years. However, there remains an opportunity to enhance the tree plans for the site.

I read with interest and concern the tree [constraints plan](#) and [AIA plans](#) for the Twickenham Riverside development.

As a resident, I am aware that the removal of several trees on the site is a controversial issue, as these green infrastructure resources are highly valued by local people. In researching landscape management for various large masterplanned projects, I have observed the successful retention and relocation of existing mature trees. For example, at the Acton Gardens regeneration project in South Acton (see attached image). Various landscape practices, such as [Ruskins](#), offer transplanting / relocation services. Indeed, Ruskins estimates that relocation is 90% of the cost of planting new trees and we know that mature trees are considerable [assets, culturally, environmentally and for our health](#). As such, I am unclear why none of the good quality trees identified in the arb survey have been selected for relocation (where retention is not possible, as per T37 and T66) in the current plans?

I recommend relocation for all the A grade and as many as possible of the B grade trees that are currently proposed to be sacrificed unnecessarily. In particular, T34 (the Black Poplar planted by the community) should be considered for relocation, noting its significance to the community. In addition, the following trees should all be considered for relocation rather than sacrificed:

- T29 and T30 (A grade, Himalayan Birch)
- T31-33 (B grade, Indian Bean trees)
- T34 (B grade, Black alder)
- T36 (A grade, Hornbeam)
- G2-G4 (B grade London Plane trees)

Thank you in advance for your consideration and response to this proposal.

Kind regards,
Dr Rosalie Callway

