

Twickenham Riverside Compulsory Purchase Order Public Enquiry

Document submission relating to objection of J. H. Vie
Document and 3 accompanying illustrations.

The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames proposes to compulsorily acquire an existing public park, the Diamond Jubilee Gardens. In my opinion this is of no public benefit and therefore I object as follows.

1. The proposed replacement is a series of variously shaped spaces within a new development of flats offices and retail units. These do not have the cohesion of a clearly defined park. (Compare drawing 1 with 2)
2. The proposed replacement will be directly overlooked by a 3 storey block of flats on its edge.
3. The same block of flats is to the south west of the proposed replacement so during the afternoon they will shade the proposed replacement. (Drawing 2 shows the shading at 3.10pm on May 1st, the shadow will extend further as the day progresses.

Being level with the summit of Wharf Lane the existing park has a much more open aspect.

4. Architectural context. The current context is neutral in that there are no closely adjacent buildings. The architecture proposed to enclose the replacement park is in a strange semi-industrial, overbearing, prefabricated 1970's style which bears no relation to any other buildings in the area which are mostly Georgian in style. They do not provide an attractive sense of place.



5. Proportion and potential. Although not fully expressed at present the current park does have the potential to be embellished, it has a clear form and axis. This potential would be completely lost in the proposal. (drawing 3)
6. There is no need for this compulsory purchase order since the requirement for a redevelopment of this area could easily be met by building on the derelict part only. (drawing 3)

1. EXISTING PARK



2. CURRENT PROPOSAL



May 1st 2.10 pm

3. FUTURE POTENTIAL

