



Director of Environment and Community Services,
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames,
Civic Centre, 44 York Street,
Twickenham, TW1 3BZ

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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Chadwick,

21/2758/FUL

Order stopping up highway land at The Embankment, Water Lane, Wharf Lane and service road leading from Wharf Lane, Twickenham in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

The Twickenham Riverside Trust is objecting to the above Stopping Up Order.

The Trust did not object to the previous Stopping Up Order (August 2022) as the related Planning Application was still under consideration by the LPA, and an Officer's Report had accordingly not yet been available to view.

Whilst the Planning Application was granted permission following the Planning Committee meeting on 24.11.2022, it was done so with several conditions (most specifically 20/NS22 Highways and Transport Matters and 21/NS23 Highway Matters) relating to the safety/feasibility of the proposed vehicular movement that would need to be discharged prior to the commencement of the development.

Of particular concern to the Trust are the reversing movements at the bottom of both Water Lane and Wharf Lane where they meet the Embankment, in areas where it is envisaged there will be increased pedestrian and cyclist movement. The absence of Stage 2 Safety Audits of these areas was and remains of significant concern.

Additionally, the vehicular movement studies that informed the Planning Application have been rendered out of date by the introduction - following the recent pedestrianisation of nearby Church St - of a sizeable loading bay at the top of Water Lane, where it meets King St. This bay is not only being used to service Church St, but also the adjacent King St. A similar bay forms part of the approved scheme. Vehicles using this loading bay will be executing reversing manoeuvres at the

bottom of Water Lane where it meets the Embankment.

The Trust is objecting to this revised Stopping Up Order, therefore, due to the absence of robust safety reports that demonstrate that this proposed stopping up of the Embankment highway will not adversely impact the public's safety on Twickenham's riverside.

It is to be hoped that a Public Inquiry into the Stopping Up Order will provide the necessary scrutiny into safety concerns that have not been not addressed in the planning application process, in spite of the application having been with the LPA for some 14 months and the Council's own Highways Department having had significant and yet to be addressed reservations.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Twickenham Riverside Trust