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**Subject:** Fwd: Compulsory Purchase Order 2021 (Twickenham Riverside)  
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Dear Joanna and Brenda,

It seems that written versions of my statement are required for today's hearing.

Please see my revised statement below.

Please print 4 hard copies if possible one each for the benefit of the Inspector, the two legal teams and myself.

Many thanks

Kind regards

David

>> Revised Statement of Evidence

My name is David Marlow. I am a lifelong Borough resident and former Councillor.

>> I object to the CPO as the reprovision is inferior to the existing Diamond Jubilee Gardens.

>> 1. Public Realm and Footfall.

>> Existing: 89% of respondents to Council's own consultation said they were regular visitors to Twickenham Riverside.

>> Proposed: 84% respondents said they would visit the proposed site.

>> 28% of respondents with disabilities said they less likely to visit. A third of these mentioned parking as an issue. This will also impact on many other visitors who are unable to cycle, walk or use public transport.

2. My wife and I visit with our grandchildren because we already regard the DJG as a destination. Why?

>> Safety: Currently DJG is a single enclosed level non-floodable area and is ideal for many children's games and activities as well as bigger events. The proposed is less suitable as disjointed and different levels.

The proposed events area is floodable which 'will impact upon usability and is a harm'\*; it will also need to provide for a heavy lorry route.

The Council's traffic consultants, WSP, have 'concerns' about about the revised traffic arrangements as they are possible danger to pedestrians and cyclists. The Wharf Lane junction with King Street is of particular concern.

Amenities: a. The popular children's playground is ideal for younger children including nursery children. The proposed playground is larger but is more suitable for

older children (7-11 year olds). It is suggested younger children go elsewhere.

b. The cafe supports people with learning difficulties. This facility will be lost.

c. The public toilets are accessible. At best the proposed toilet provision will be provided in new cafe and pub as part of the Community Toilet Scheme.

d. The Twickenham Riverside already has a pleasant promenade. A lorry route is not welcome nor is the overbearing 5 storey block of flats required to make scheme viable.

>> Other negative impacts of proposal.

>> 3. 'Significant loss of trees'\*

>> 4. Ecology: 'The scheme will result in loss of habitats'\*

>> 6. Energy: The required hard landscaping alone is 2525 sq metres covering the majority of the site will generate many tonnes of CO2 to produce the paving.

>> The figure would be Nil if the current DJG were retained.

>> Note \* this text is taken from the Council Officer's report to the Planning Committee held on 24th November 2022.

>> The proposals also conflict with Council's own Strategic Vision and Objectives and Spatial Strategy in the Richmond Local Plan in terms of the climate emergency, supporting the town's jobs and businesses, retaining and improving existing, safe, healthy and inclusive communities.

There are alternatives to this comprehensive whole site proposal. The derelict land and buildings are an eyesore and all in Council ownership and their redevelopment would enhance the present DJG and provide accessibility from Water Lane.

David Marlow