

Councillor Pamela Fleming  
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Councillor Fleming,

On behalf of the Riverside Action Group (RAG) and its several thousand individual supporters, we are writing to let you know – formally – the result of the local referendum administered on our behalf by the Electoral Reform Society. 93.9% of respondents have called via paper ballot for a totally new start to plans for the Twickenham Riverside, including a review of the architect. A parallel electronic survey also produced a similar degree of support for starting afresh, with 98% in favour.

For the sake of clarity, we must emphasise that it will not be enough for the Council merely to produce a choice of schemes by the same architect when that architect has been deemed unacceptable. Other options should also be offered.

Secondly, you will also be aware of a new development which increases the opportunities for the renovation of the Twickenham Riverside area. The coming on to the market of the entire row of buildings on King Street, which run alongside the Riverside plot including the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, points up more than ever the importance of taking a holistic view of the full Riverside site including these buildings and how they might link with the project.

We call on the Council to build this new development into its thinking. While the recent workshops usefully identified suggestions on how the rest of the site might be structured and planned, the possibility which has only just emerged of achieving even greater linkage to the site deserves full and proper consideration. This adds to the historic opportunity which Twickenham has to find the right solution.

Residents are awaiting with interest to learn how the Council intends to proceed following the recent series of workshops, the RAG public open meeting and referendum.

In order to take the wishes of residents and stakeholders forward in a constructive manner, we urge the Council to open itself to forming a supervisory board or senior consultative body comprised of recognised members from the local community, for whom there is no potential material gain to be had from the site, to guide and oversee the iterative process of project design and its implementation. We would hope that the Council would see this as a positive and practical way forward which must aim at reaching a consensus, in the long-term interest of Twickenham and future stakeholders.

Regards,

Mark Brownrigg and Susan Burningham

On behalf of the Riverside Action Group