

Your Letters

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Resident of Grimwood Road so fed up of Twickenham rugby fans weeing outside his house he photographed one and uploaded it to Twitter

28 staff to police the behaviour of 82,000 fans? Yeah, because one person can easily police 3,000 spectators.

● **Concerned_Resident**

To stop everything like this happening, requires thousands of Police or stewards. There are probably less than 100 on duty on a match day. Why not make a difference and become a Special Constable then you can fine / arrest all those you think should be arrested.

● **Headscratcher**

Borough view



Sharing my apple by Verna Evans. Share your photographs by sending them to lettersrtt@newsquest.co.uk.

the riverside opened up, and to enjoy the river in peace and tranquillity.

The present concept is totally misguided: there is no place in the heart of our town for over-priced flats.

Local traders in particular do not want more shops, what they want is footfall.

And absolutely no one wants a potential litter-strewn public urinal, shown on the plan as a covered arcade.

LBRUT's bulldozer process is causing a lot of anger.

What should be a genuine effort to come together and seize this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create something special for our town has become a war, when we should all be on the same side - Twickenham's side.

But the council is not - as your own front page of February 5 showed when it recorded 90 per cent opposition to it in the November consultation.

It would be sad if the residents had, yet again, to resort to judicial processes.

The council should have learned from the Gloriana debacle that attempting this kind of imposition will mean disaster for its party in 2018.

But still it continues with the politics of the sledgehammer.

We are in the ridiculous situation of having foisted upon us a faux Italianate scheme designed by an architect with little or no knowledge of Twickenham and its riverside heritage, championed by councillors most of whom do not live here or appreciate that either.

Before it's too late, we ask all councillors to hear the message from the people of Twickenham:

It's our Riverside.

The Riverside Action Group: James Barratt, Mark Brownrigg, Susan Burningham, Colin Heath, Cathy Thompson, John Reekie, Rik Williams, Henry Harrison of the Twickenham Riverside Village Group and 156 signatories.

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Our Riverside

WE, RESIDENTS of Twickenham, deplore Richmond Council's stubborn pursuit of the Francis Terry 'concept' for our Twickenham Riverside and condemn the processes at work behind this decision.

This wholly-inappropriate scheme should be abandoned and a proper, open, transparent competition held for a riverside development that honours Twickenham's past, caters for the present need for a town

'heart', and leaves a fitting legacy for future generations.

In putting together The Twickenham Community Brief, members of the Riverside Action Group (RAG) spent four months canvassing opinions from residents of all ages, as well as traders and visitors to our town.

There is overwhelming agreement on all major points.

The style and scale of the Terry building is totally wrong for Twickenham and no amount of tweaking will make the scheme any more relevant.

Comments from a group of younger residents say it all: the design "hogs the river", it's "preposterous", it's "selfish".

Adults just as wise have said simply "this is not our riverside".

We all agree that Twickenham needs a heart that will draw people to our town and regenerate local businesses.

The heart of a town must reflect what is unique to it - in our case a beautiful stretch of working riverside and a musical heritage with global appeal.

Most important of all, people want

Brexit has plenty of risks, but so does every big decision you make

THE GOD SPOT

By Paul van Essen
greaterlife.org.uk

FEWER than two weeks to go and the significance and opportunity of the EU referendum is palpable.

Some of us remember the seventies when we, along with Denmark and Ireland, joined France, West Germany, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy to bring the total of the EEC to nine.

It's now the "EU", there are 28 member states and a great deal has changed.

Economically the picture had to change. With many poorer nations now included it is inevitable that the "overall financial situation" for everyone decreases. But the chances of needing to "bail out" economies that are struggling increases.

Perhaps most concerning is the fear-mongering in this referendum.

Every decision a person takes includes some risk: getting married, starting a business, having children, leaving the EU. But that does not mean we should fear. Should we avoid things because there is a risk? People could say "don't have children" because

statistically some will be unemployed, addicted, depressed and 50 per cent will have failed marriages. People would get nervous.

But it is the very opportunity of raising your own child and doing your best to make life great for them, despite the risks, that makes life worth living.

We now have an opportunity, and I relish the chance to see the 63 million people that make up our tremendous United Kingdom arise in true greatness.

Paul van Essen
Pastor - Greater Life Church
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Hammersmith Bridge 26 minutes earlier;
Kew Bridge 12 minutes earlier

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