

Dear RAG supporters,

We would like to thank you all very much for coming in force in front of York House Tuesday 5 July, it was a wonderful demonstration of community spirit and commitment to your riverside! We showed the Council that the fight is on, and we are prepared to do whatever it takes to win!

We are very pleased to announce that the [Royal Institute of British Architects](#) (RIBA) is now supporting our campaign, and raised questions to the Council about the procurement of the project and the level of tax payer monies being spent without meaningful consultation with the local community. This is important support from a highly regarded professional body.

Below is a quick update on what happened afterwards, at the Council Meeting that followed.

Several petitions were presented in connexion with Twickenham Riverside and the Council current plans with the Terry block. Henry Harrison was eloquent in the presentation of his Twickenham Riverside Village design and he is to be applauded for his fine work and knowledge of the riverside.

The RAG petition, signed on paper by 1,800 residents and online by an additional 800 (totalling over 3,000 signatures with the inclusion of the Eel Pie Islanders), was presented to Council.

RAG Chairman Susan Burningham delivered the petition speech on behalf of all RAG supporters. You can read it [here](#). This was followed by [public questions](#) addressed to Cllr Fleming. Due to the vagueness of her answers, supplementary questions were put forward. A lot of our questions were not answered in any depth, so we will carry on asking them until we get replies. Sadly we get more information through Freedom of Information than by asking the Councillor..

You can see the recording of the Council Meeting [here](#) and then listen to the public questions and answers by selecting the items in the menu on the right.

What next?

On 19 July, the Council will launch its second public consultation with a revised Francis Terry proposal - the key question is how far the Terry design remains essentially the same - fundamentally out of keeping with the Twickenham Riverside site, it's for you to judge. We continue to press our petition for all designs to be revealed to you and for your views to be taken into account. You after all paid for them through your Council tax. The battle is not yet won...

Council Pop-up Shop Consultation

Opening:	Tuesday - Friday 19/07 - 06/08 11.00hrs. - 15.00hrs. Saturday - 11.00hrs. - 17.00hrs.
Late night:	Thursday 28/07 & Monday 08/08 from 11.00hrs until 19.00hrs.
Architects present:	28/07: 17.00hrs - 19.00hrs 03/08: 14.00hrs - 16.00hrs. 08/09: 16.00hrs. - 18.00hrs.

There is to be an open public meeting at the Clarendon Hall at 7.15pm on 31st August 2016 to meet some of the other architects who have designed alternative proposals for our riverside. We will also hear from other stakeholders in Twickenham and from you, the community of local residents.

We still need your support - please visit our [crowdfunding page](#) and consider contributing, whatever small is your contribution. We have already incurred substantial costs for printing, advertising and hall hire. It is likely we may have to take action that requires us to pay for a local referendum and proceed to legal action. For these reasons we are aiming to raise £50,000.

Please continue to print and display your '[It's Our Riverside](#)' poster in your windows – house, flat and car. We need to make sure the message that we do not accept the Terry block on our riverside and seek a more imaginative solution is seen as well as heard.

[Contact us](#) if you can help man our stalls, distribute leaflets, or help with administrative support.

And share this newsletter with your neighbours and local friends. Remember that you can access detailed information on our [website](#); 'like' and follow our [Facebook page](#) and on [Twitter](#).

Again, our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and please feel free to contact us anytime. We will be in touch soon with information about the next phase of our campaign.

Good wishes from the Riverside Action Group team: Alex, Cathy, Colin, Mark, Rik, John, Marion, James and Susan.