

Press Statement

Subject: the Riverside Referendum

The Riverside Action Group (RAG) refutes the claim by Cllr Fleming "there are currently no plans for the Twickenham Riverside on the table".

A spokesman for RAG said "speaking at an Open Public Meeting on 24th September, a Council officer made clear that designs for the Riverside will be made by Francis Terry & Associates".

In July the Council published examples of a Doric entrance porch for the town centre, an "enriched modillion cornice", "imposts and Archivolts", and many more features of Classical architecture, all in support of their plans.

Over 3000 residents and stakeholders have rejected Francis Terry as a suitable architect for Twickenham and seek a new architectural Brief overseen by professionals from the Royal Institute of British Architects and members of the local community.

The Council has chosen consistently to ignore the local community's requests for a more sympathetic and landscaped design.

RAG expects the result of the Twickenham Riverside referendum to confirm local residents' rejection of Francis Terry as the 'Council's commissioned' architect.

Gareth Roberts, Leader of of the Liberal Democrats commented "it is shameful that the Tories' refusal to engage with local residents has forced the Riverside Action Group to take this matter to a referendum."