

## RIVERSIDE UPDATE – CONSULTATION ON NEW PLANS IN SEPTEMBER

Hello again and we hope you're enjoying the summer!

Another meeting of the Stakeholder reference group last week received a brief report from the Council leader on the progress of the design competition. Essentially, the five selected architects (Baynes and Mitchell, Allies and Morrison, Cullinan Studio, Hopkins Architects, and Haworth Tompkins) have now presented their proposals and these are being checked over by the Council for compliance with the technical requirements of the mandate. In that context, no detail was revealed to us.

The designs will be the subject of a public consultation through September (4 September – 2 October). They will be displayed – anonymously (no names of architects) – on the website and there will be four drop-in opportunities for the public to view them on exhibition panels, in the Clarendon Hall at York House:

Thursday 5 September	12 to 8pm
Thursday 12 September	6 to 8.30pm
Saturday 21 September	10am to 5pm
Tuesday 24 September	6 to 8.30pm.

Full details are on the Council's website, please click [HERE](#)

The aim is to invite the reaction of our local community to the proposals and views will be sought on the different proposals against the four core themes in the design brief: environment, architecture design and 'feel', the mix of uses, and traffic flows and parking. The views of local residents will be taken by the Council as being 'qualitative', not totalled up as a vote. The final decision will be taken after the consultation, in the light of the recommendations of the Design Panel, which includes representatives of local residents.

The second half of the meeting turned on the most recent work done by the Council looking at how additional parking spaces can be made available for the contingency (wished by the Council leader) that up to 78 spaces may be removed from the riverside embankment and the development site. The focus is on the creation of new spaces and re-designating existing spaces as residents' or business parking (mostly within some 300 yards of the current parking on the embankment), and on introducing new and clearer signage for motorists looking for places to park in Twickenham.

While this is potentially helpful analysis, there is scepticism among the Eel Pie island and embankment residents that insufficient account has been taken of the short-term parking required by delivery vehicles. RAG has taken the line that it is not possible to truly consider the parking aspects until we all know the traffic flow proposals within the designs submitted, since it is not yet clear how the road along the working river can be removed without introducing two-way traffic at the top of Water and Wharf

Lanes. We have taken a strong line against that because of the knock-on impact on Church Street and King Street in particular.

We and others have also expressed uncertainty and concern at the almost total loss of pay-and-display parking from the area in and immediately adjoining the development site (as part of the re-designation above).

Please do go to see the exhibition on one of the dates in September if you can and let us have your views as well as submitting them directly to the Council. We will be back in touch with you again nearer the time.

Best wishes,

Mark, Peter and Marion