

Hello everyone,

**The coming public inquiry regarding the Twickenham Riverside Development: [objections to the CPO](#)**

This is to follow up our latest newsletter of 27 April in which we highlighted the coming public inquiry ordered by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) which the Council is seeking to impose.

The CPO would be - as we described - in order for the Council to pursue its stated intention to take land – the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, in the middle of the proposed development site - away from its current owners, the Twickenham Riverside Trust (TRT). If it is to proceed with its proposal, the Council needs the CPO .

In our April newsletter we provided a link to the [Statement of case](#) (135 pages) in which the Council, as the local authority, set out the reasons why it is seeking a CPO.

**The TRT has since submitted its response, highlighting its assessment of the flaws and factual inaccuracies in the Council's case. The objections made by the TRT are now publicly available.**

**You can see all the voluminous documentation on this website - [LINK](#) – including the Trust's response under Statutory Objectors.** There are four objections submitted by TRT trustees – under 'S-2 Twickenham Riverside Trust (TRT)' – S-2 W1, W2, W3 and W4.

As we have previously summarised, the TRT's case is based on its view that most of the declared objectives of the Council's proposed scheme – removal of parking and the current derelict area (on the north west part of the site), as well as opening up of access to the Diamond Jubilee Gardens and Twickenham Riverside as a distinctive destination – can be achieved *without* reducing the size and quality of the open space in the site.

We recommend that you consult these documents to obtain a detailed understanding of the reasons why the TRT does not wish to see the Council's plan, as currently proposed, implemented.

There is also one other statutory objection listed, plus a number of non-statutory objections (as well as statements supportive of the Council).

Here again are the dates in June for the inquiry sessions which will be held by the planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State:-

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, June;
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, June; and
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, June.

You can see [HERE](#) the planned timetable (subject to change).

**Members of the public can be present to listen to the sessions which will be held at Clarendon Hall, York House, Twickenham.** We understand there will also be on-line access also (viewing only).

As ever, we hope the above is useful.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts as the inquiry proceeds.

All the best

The RAG Team