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Dear sir,

You invite comments on Cabinet decision 195 regarding Twickenham Riverside.

I was one of the objectors at the Development Control Committee meeting to consider applications 01/2583/CAC, 01/2584/FUL (the Dawney Day Proposal).

I am pleased that this scheme has been withdrawn.

The new short term proposal (Option B – Q/2 in addenda) still leaves most of the site derelict – the boundaries of the problem have simply been pushed back.

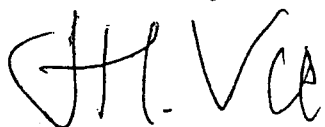
There is a cost of demolition and disposal. Existing buildings and materials are not re-used.

The Riverside Group's proposals (addenda section O 01/1504/FUL ) should be pursued as an interim solution.

I would like to make a comment about any long term solution. I am pleased that the principle of a smaller scale development has been accepted. Any development must preserve and enhance the architectural qualities of the Twickenham Riverside Conservation area. I note that the various suggestions in the appendices (pages G/43, G/59, J/3, K/6) are all crude and out of scale with the urban grain of the area. Elevations where given are also crude and out of scale. Richmond Riverside has shown how to create an interest and diversity out of a large scale development. Twickenham needs something much less grand in scale, but I commend that to you as an example. Further observe how the facades above the shops on the north side of King Street, Twickenham (admittedly in need of some care and maintenance) have been detailed to create some variety and interest even though roughly the same date and perhaps the same developer.

My contention is that architectural detail creates an attractive, interesting space and this can assist in the regeneration of this part of Twickenham.

Yours faithfully,



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