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To The Council

ref proposal to build housing on the site currently occupied by Teddington Trading Estate

Whilst I am very aware that we must build more residential housing and I support the Richmond Council in its efforts to find suitable sites for this purpose I am concerned that the proposal for Station Road would only be possible if the existing buildings are demolished. If this happens businesses & jobs will be lost which does not seem a constructive way forward unless the Council has already identified suitable alternative accommodation acceptable to all parties affected.

Next I am very concerned that any residential building on that site should reflect the existing residential area which is of two storey houses built in the previous century & before. Any houses or flats exceeding the height of that traditional housing will be thoroughly out of place, particularly in a conservation area designated as such to preserve the architectural character & its history.

And one of my major issues is that the council prioritises AFFORDABLE housing. The most pressing need is for properties with affordable rents, preferably social housing, avoiding private landlords with only profits in mind & minimum maintenance. Houses for sale will not meet the needs of people who cannot & probably never will be able to afford a mortgage. We have a duty to support a wide & varied community particularly those who provide many of our support services & enable us to live in a civilised society.

Yours sincerely

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