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To whom it may concern.

I would like to register my official objection to the Local Plan's intent to zone the area near Teddington station for mid to high rise buildings. The proposal has little to merit it and would be hugely detrimental to the local area and it's residents alike. The proposal brings seriously into question the integrity and good-sense of local planners who purport to work in the best interests of local communities. My objections are outlined as follows:

- I am a local resident and a key attraction of the immediate area, as well as Teddington in general, is the generally considerate way in which it has been developed with commercial units on Station Road being low-rise and creating minimal traffic. Higher-rise development of the type the proposed zoning suggests would be an eye-sore for local residents, will block out the afternoon/evening sun which is very much enjoyed, will create a bottle-neck for traffic, and will cause a significant reduction in the value of residential properties.
- The area surrounding Teddington Station is very popular for families as well as retired residents who have chosen the area as it is quiet and picturesque whilst also being close to local conveniences. A development of the sort suggested will significantly detriment the look and feel of the area which is so very valued by residents. There are large commercial hubs in Kingston and Twickenham as well as other nearby areas, there is no reason why Teddington should be over-developed. Furthermore the additional foot and vehicle traffic which would be inevitable would be a serious concern and potential hazard for the younger and older members of the community in particular.
- The area is predominantly pre-war, with Edwardian and Victorian housing dominating the area. The area is very picturesque as a consequence and existing commercial units close to the station are unobtrusive, the area was never designed and it is not meant to be a high-rise commercial hub.
- Designating a 'zone' of mid-rise buildings of up to six storeys would encourage intensive development up to this permitted height in the whole zone area which would destroy the residential character and tremendous value living in this area of Teddington brings. Only the developers themselves would benefit from such a proposal.
- A proposal of this sort would visually and culturally dominate the local area and streets and cause significant noise and light pollution for the residents.

Teddington has been listed as a 'Best Place to Live' in London on more than one occasion and for very good reason, please don't spoil this special and unique town because of commercial greed.

Sincerely  
Charles Hide