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I am writing on behalf of Twickenham Rowing Club which has resided on Eel Pie Island in Twickenham since 1876 and is one of the oldest rowing clubs in London. It is an active, healthy and vibrant club with nearly 400 members which has invested significantly in its own premises, the Island and the local infrastructure.

We are a club open to the entire community which continues to grow and, as such, may look to invest further to allow that to happen. The proposed change to the definition of the functional floodplain will have a significant impact on our ability to do so both in terms of any further development of the Club's premises and the availability and affordability of property insurance.

We would ask the Planning Inspectors recognise this impact and refrain from allowing the proposed change to the existing definition of the functional floodplain.

Kind regards

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