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Andrea Kitzberger-Smith, Spatial Planning and Design Team Manager

Dear Mrs. Kitzbeger-Smith,

First let me congratulate you and your team on producing an exceptionally readable and comprehensive document both as to looks and content.

My comments are few.

### **Probably inappropriate but worth mentioning**

1) Under the Health section there was no room to draw attention to the lack of A & E facilities within the borough and the difficulty of accessing those that designated for residents as a result of road closures and designated cycle routes (within both LBRC and neighbouring boroughs). This also applies to ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

In particular the closure of Sheen Gate has added a significant number of minutes (upwards of 10 minutes) to the journey to any of the three or four hospitals currently in use.

2) The type of shops available in Sheen center has changed. Some time ago my wife and I counted 39 food outlets, 10 charity shops, hairdressers, nail bars. This is probably happening all over London but

the closure of specialist shops such as those specialising in electrical repairs, caused by high rates and unaffordable rents is noticeable.

3) Finally, a private gripe. The fact that Fulwell is 1938 Green Belt land is not mentioned even in a footnote.

An excellent Plan.

Thanks

Solomon Green

On Fri, 9 Jun 2023 at 10:28, Richmond Local Plan <[RichmondLocalPlan@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:RichmondLocalPlan@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk)> wrote:

Official

Dear consultee,

We are now consulting on the Council's final version of the Local Plan (referred to as the 'Publication' or 'Regulation 19' version).

The Local Plan sets out a 15-year strategic vision, objectives and the spatial strategy. The draft Plan includes place-based strategies covering the whole borough, along with accompanying site allocations, as well as the thematic planning policies that will guide future development in the borough. It will inform how growth will be accommodated across the borough. The draft Plan seeks to address future challenges including climate change, health, affordability and liveability.

We started work on a new Local Plan in spring 2020, with a [Direction of Travel consultation](#), where we asked about the vision, key issues and priorities to be addressed in the emerging Plan. We also invited landowners and stakeholders to submit information on sites that could be suitable for development. During 2021, a variety of informal engagement took place, where we have been listening to and reflecting on feedback from residents and stakeholders. This included a series of the Council's community conversations as well as workshops with schools. In December 2021 - January 2022, we consulted on a [first full draft](#) of the Local Plan, which reflected all the feedback from the earlier engagement as well as our evidence that we produced. All of these earlier stages and feedback from a range of stakeholders - including residents, community groups, development professionals, neighbouring boroughs and other key agencies - as well as updated evidence base studies have culminated in the 'Publication' Local Plan, on which we are now inviting comments.

The consultation is open to everyone. This is the last opportunity for the public to comment. The next stage will be for the Publication Plan, including comments received during this consultation period, as well as the supporting and evidence base documents, to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination. If you would like to participate in the Examination in Public, you will need to respond to this stage to secure your right to appear and be heard (even if you have responded to our earlier consultations).

As this is the final representations stage before the documents are submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination, your **comments should relate to issues of legal and procedural compliance, the “soundness” of the Plan and the “Duty to Co-operate”**. There are accompanying guidance notes available on the website (via the below links).

### **Where to view the documents and how to respond by 24 July 2023**

The Publication Local Plan (including changes to the Policies Map designations), and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, are available:

- Online at [www.richmond.gov.uk/draft\\_local\\_plan\\_publication\\_version](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/draft_local_plan_publication_version) and through our Consultation Portal at: <https://richmond-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>
- To view at the Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ and in the Borough’s main libraries.

Please contact us should you have problems accessing or printing the documents. In addition, other supporting documents, evidence and research that support the Local Plan are available on the website (via the above links).

You can respond by:

- Completing the **online response form** through our Consultation Portal <https://richmond-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>
- Completing the word or pdf version of the **response form** available from [www.richmond.gov.uk/draft\\_local\\_plan\\_publication\\_version](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/draft_local_plan_publication_version) and sending it by
  - **email** to [LocalPlan@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:LocalPlan@richmond.gov.uk) or
  - **post** to Spatial Planning and Design, LB Richmond upon Thames, Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ

We would prefer all comments to be made electronically. The use of the standard representation form is strongly recommended as this will ensure that comments are related to matters relevant to the subsequent examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

Please note that the **deadline for comments is Monday 24 July 2023**, and responses will not be treated as confidential.

### **What happens next**

Once the consultation closes, the Plan along with all representations received will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent Examination in Public. We are expecting submission to be later in 2023. At the Examination in Public, the Planning Inspector(s) will consider all representations received and examine the Plan, the evidence supporting it and make a decision whether it is sound and meets the legal requirements. It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted in winter 2024/25, at which point it will supersede the existing Local Plan and the Twickenham Area Action Plan.

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Yours faithfully,

Andrea Kitzberger-Smith, Spatial Planning and Design Team Manager

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