

GIFFORD HOUSE ACTION GROUP

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The Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Sirs

**INSPECTORATE REFERENCES: APP/L5810/A/07/2041553 (06/3890/FUL) AND
APP/L5810/A/07/2041554/NWF (06/4229/CAC) Your ref: JB/4167/L0407/Hamilton lpa**

Hamilton Lofts Ltd at 37 Hamilton Road, Twickenham TW2 6SN

We are writing in support of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames' refusal of the above-mentioned application. The Gifford House Action Group represents 14 households in Twickenham and is supported by over 50 local residents, many of whom are representatives of larger residents' associations in Twickenham. The Gifford House Action Group was formed in May 2005 to promote participation of local people in the planning process, particularly the involvement of residents in the early stages of planning.

The Gifford House Action Group is concerned with the preservation of Twickenham's Conservation Areas. It is our opinion that development on the scale proposed by this application (in a Conservation Area) is out of character with the surrounding area. It represents overdevelopment and is unneighbourly.

We would like to see the preservation of Hamilton Electricity Works which is one of Twickenham's historic buildings. We object to the proposed demolition of the Buildings of Townscape Merit.

As a local group we can testify to parking problems and traffic congestion in the narrow roads surrounding the proposed development. The main route to and from Twickenham is a well known congestion black spot and additional cars queuing in the narrow streets around the proposed development will add to the problem.

The application for Hamilton Electricity Works is unsympathetic to the local Conservation Area, unneighbourly in its disregard for present residents, and, if approved, will aggravate existing problems such as lack of parking space and traffic congestion.

Yours faithfully

Teresa Read
On behalf of **Gifford House Action Group**

