

TWICKENHAM ELECTRICITY WORKS

NEWSLETTER 1 – 25/11/05



Dear Residents

Your support in opposing the proposed development of 'Hamilton Lofts' has been fantastic. There are now over 90 letters of objection and many more to follow. If you still want to put in your opinion, then please do. There is still time. We are waiting to see if the Council rejects the application or if it will go to the Planning Committee.

This is an update of what we have been doing in Talbot Road to help with the campaign. There are many different ways in which this proposed development would affect us but there is one common thread in all the letters - the preservation of these Victorian buildings. **T.R.A.C.** (Talbot Road Action Committee) have been working hard to see if we can be granted a Conservation Area award, as we believe our area is unique and crucial to Twickenham's industrial heritage. These are a few of the things we have been doing:

- Research of the history of this area in the Local Studies Library.
- Gathering stories and facts from long standing local residents about the works and area
- Informing Vincent Cable MP by letter and personally through his surgery
- Invited Cllr Marlow on a personal tour of the area
- Meeting with a local architect to evaluate whether the old buildings could be developed into residential living
- Contact with local heritage / conservation groups

This is what we still need to do:

- An accurate traffic count during rush hour (with photos of any jams etc)
- Any information from when the electricity works were operational and general area information in those days. Newspaper cuttings, photographs etc. Anything we borrow, will be handled with great care, copied and returned promptly.

This may be a fight but it is worth it to save our peaceful community. This is the first Newsletter and we would welcome any other views, help etc. If you have anything to contribute, please contact Cathy on 020 8898 2641 / 49 Talbot Road / cathy@bamalam.com or Ruth on 020 8898 7755 / 51 Talbot Road

Please also visit www.twickenham-online.co.uk where there is an article about 'Hamilton Lofts' and a letter forum under 'Twickenham Letters'

