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## Car drivers still need to park vehicles

Sir, - As a local resident very involved in the campaign to save the Hamilton Road Electricity Works (HEW.org.uk), I am very pleased to see that the planning inspector has turned down the appeal(s) from the developers after their plans were rejected.

However, we must all ensure we don't get too excited. If anyone reads the entire document they will notice Paragraph 38, which states that the inspector has "...no basis to dismiss this appeal on the effect of traffic generation or parking".

The main concern of almost everyone living in Hamilton Road and the surrounding streets, as well as that of Coun Claire Head, is the disastrous effect on parking, traffic congestion, road safety and pollution the additional cars that will be generated from any residential development on the site will bring to their lives. Any development there must have adequate parking for families, for house sharers with two or more cars, and for visitors. This one didn't, yet this was still not seen as a reason to turn the application down. Why not?

Members of Richmond Council must be living in a different world, or certainly not in the borough, if they think that removing or reducing parking spaces and increasing CPZ charges removes the requirement people have to use their cars to get from A to B when they need to, not when Network Rail or the local bus company decide they can. It doesn't. These car owners will need somewhere to go. And that somewhere will still be in the narrow, single carriageway, highly congested residential streets around the Electricity Works.

So well done, and thank you to everyone who continues to fight this developer and his outlandish plans. But beware, we will have an even bigger battle on our hands next time.

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