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bulb?

poor old NHS takes a lot of
e of the hard-of-thinking
our local hospital, West
y do offer an open target.
t to visit an elderly relative in
x Hospital. I found her
d a magazine in poor lighting
she wasn't using the reading
"The bulb's gone," she told
ought this would be an easy
, so I asked the staff nurse for
hat I could replace the failed

the nurse told me. "Health
t allow anyone other than
nance personnel to replace
enough, I thought; let's ask
nce to replace the bulb. But
horrified at the thought of
intenance and told me:
e not permitted to ask for
iced as this constitutes an
which incurs a charge of
b replaced."

sked, do bulbs ever get
rse explained to me that
d to be carried out as part
called "scheduled
nd when does scheduled
pen?" I asked. "Oh, it
onth or so before any one
was told.

elderly relative sits in the
eyes as she tries to read.
replace a light bulb? Nice

'Ugly' new development plans could cause noisy, crowded chaos

Wildli
spring
season

Sir - Hamilton Lofts has raised its ugly head yet again.

Over a year on and, after a public outcry, the developer Fiendcastle has submitted new plans for the old electricity works at the end of Hamilton Road in Twickenham.

The plans now show 31 units, one office block and 32 parking spaces. This is only four units less than the original proposal. Residents are concerned with density, design, traffic, parking and destruction of a site of local historical importance.

The plans state partial demolition but, if you look at what will be left of our industrial past after the bulldozers arrive, it won't be much.

The only building left intact will be the office building and this will become the

new office block.

The façade of another building will be retained, though the entrance to an underground car park will be incorporated into it. There is also an interesting arch feature dropped onto the site which looks like an ornamental viaduct - Hamilton Arch!

The rest of the old buildings will be demolished and replaced by four-storey and two-storey apartment blocks with no gardens and intrusive balconies.

The once quiet neighbourhood will be awash with traffic noise travelling to and from the development via Hamilton Road.

There could be up to sixty vehicles trying to negotiate the narrow network of roads to access the main road past Chapmans or to the Meadway via Gould

Road, or the very narrow access leading up to Briar Road.

If you add to this the proposed development at the end of Norcutt Road and the huge bakery site which will be up for grabs soon, it would take an idiot not to see the ensuing chaos which could follow.

The residents of Hamilton Road will suffer from overspill parking and this will just have a knock-on effect in the whole area.

Last September, the developer invited residents to a public consultation to view their next proposal. I was told by one of the team that he cared about the community and wanted to replenish the area. I told him that he was sticking two fingers up at the community with the new plans.

The two fingers are also sticking up at the Council who historically designated the cluster of late Victorian buildings as BTMs in 1981 and placed them into a new Conservation Area in 2006. The Save Hew campaign has been supported by our Ward Cllrs Clare Head and David Marlow, ex Coun Doug Orchard and by our MP Dr Vincent Cable.

The importance of the Hamilton Electricity Works in this borough has been recognised by the Environment Trust for Richmond upon Thames and is one of their projects.

We cannot allow this piece of history to be destroyed.

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borough view



Sir - Confused with spring activity co- blasts.

Startling reports turning into tadpole ladybirds and butterflies coming in from participating in the by the BBC and the

Following mild Office is forecasting snaps across the U through February.

This could threaten which have not hibernated awoken early.

The British public it comes to monitoring is responding to climate

We need as many possible to join the help us build a more is happening to our faces tougher conditions weeks.

The public is asking sightings of frogspawn peacock butterfly, swift and flowering from the survey at Phenology Network changes in nature's e

Recorders' observations that ladybirds and butterflies three weeks earlier as swifts arrive around species of bumblebees year round. The h