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Dear Mr Ambler,

**Udney Park Playing Fields**

We are local Councillors in Richmond upon Thames and Udney Park Playing Fields lie respectively in or adjacent to our wards of Hampton Wick and Teddington.

We are writing regarding Quantum's stewardship of this important community asset. This follows the decision by the planning inspector to dismiss the appeal by Quantum Teddington Development Ltd, Quantum Teddington LLP and Teddington Community Sports Ground Community Interest Company against the Council of Richmond upon Thames.

The playing fields have irreplaceable value to the local community as a facility for sports clubs to use, an attractive open green space and as a habitat for wildlife.

We hope and expect that Quantum will, for as long as it retains ownership of the playing fields, manage this important Local Green Space so as to preserve that value.

We have, however, been given to understand that no local sports clubs have been offered a licence to use the playing fields for the coming football / rugby season. We also note that the grounds are not being maintained to the standard where football, rugby, cricket or any other sport is possible.

It would be a very sorry state of affairs for the local community if these playing fields, donated for sporting purposes as a war memorial, were to continue to degrade and remain unused.

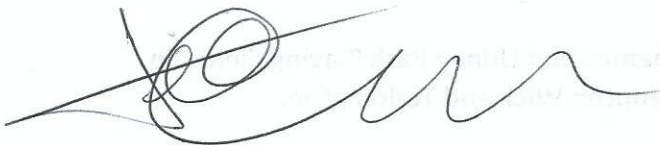
We are aware that there is interest in the local community to purchase the playing fields at a value that reflects their planning designation and to operate them on a not for profit basis for the benefit of all. If Quantum does not have the interest or expertise to manage such an important space with sensitivity to the needs of the local community then we would encourage exploration of any such proposals.

We will campaign vigorously for these playing fields to be restored to the use that they were intended for when donated and as protected by the council's planning policies. We will make the case for the council to use any powers that it has at its disposal to protect this Local Green Space and the amenity that it provides to residents in our wards and beyond.

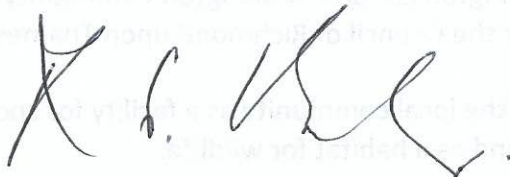
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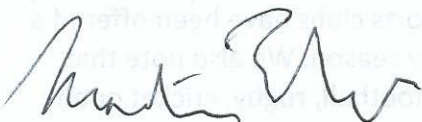
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