

INVESTING IN OUR RIVERSIDE

INTRODUCTION

Twickenham Riverside should be a flourishing centre for Twickenham and the local area but instead has been used as a car park and been subject to a long and contentious history. For too long residents of Twickenham have had to discuss the history of the site, but it is now time to look forward and have your say on the future of Twickenham Riverside. We have heard from residents loud and clear that they want better for Twickenham.

Hopkins Architects and their design team were the winners of the RIBA Twickenham Riverside Design Competition in 2019 with their widely supported concept design. Since then, the team have been developing the design to ensure that it meets policy requirements and reflects feedback we received from residents in September 2019. The architectural style and site plan are now largely fixed, but the design detail will continue to evolve before a planning application is made in Spring 2021. The Council wants to hear your views on what you think has been done well, and what we need to consider further.

“We are determined to make this site the destination it should be and deliver a scheme that we can all be proud of and enjoy.”

Cllr Gareth Roberts
Leader of Richmond Council

*Below: Current site.
Right: Proposed scheme.*



WHAT BENEFITS WILL THE SCHEME BRING?



A place of community, a space for all to come together and enjoy.



New trees throughout the site whilst protecting many of the existing trees.



Delivery of affordable housing, made possible by the sale of private units.



A larger and accessible Diamond Jubilee Gardens which provides a children's play area, space for events, petanque, terraced lawns and planting.



Improved public open space across the site, including next to the river.



An event space on the Embankment offering the opportunity to hold outside markets and events to encourage visitors.



Better connectivity between the town and the river.



An architecturally attractive scheme that reflects the local context.



New commercial units that will help to draw visitors and investment into the area and provide new jobs opportunities.



Potential for improved access and use of the river.



Improved cycling routes and connection with the high street.



Carefully considered servicing strategy to reduce vehicular movements on the site.



More space for leisure activities.



A new café and restaurant/pub to serve the local community with terraces overlooking the river.

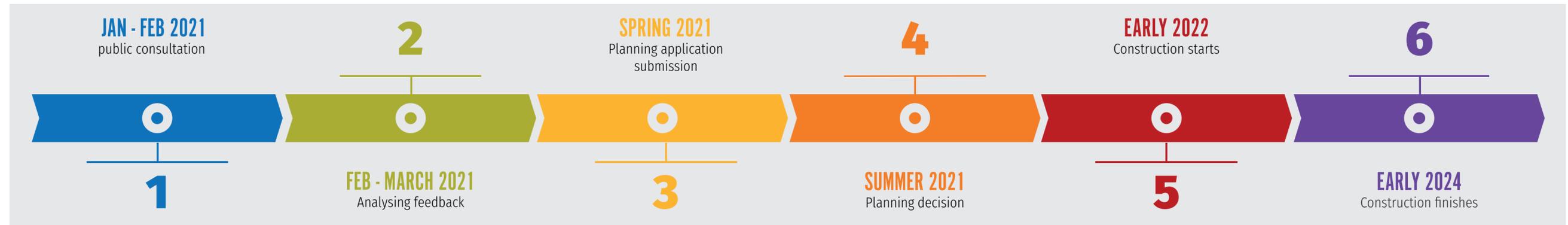


Removal of parking from the Embankment so that people are prioritised over cars.

FAQS AND NEXT STEPS

TIMELINE

The timeline below represents a target programme for design, planning determination and construction. This programme is indicative and may change.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will the Council re-provide the Diamond Jubilee Gardens?

Yes, the Council will be re-providing the Diamond Jubilee Gardens which are central to the scheme. The new gardens feature as the central communal space in the scheme. The Council are working with the Twickenham Riverside Trust who hold a lease for the current gardens area.

Will the Council be bringing a developer on board?

It is the Council's intention to develop the scheme itself. A paper will be taken to a future Committee detailing how the scheme will be delivered.

Is the scheme going to be sustainable?

The scheme is aiming to be BREEAM Excellent.

How will the design attract children and young people?

The design includes a variety of amenities for children and young people, including a play area, natural play, open lawn, pétanque pitches, outside games and potential for river based activities. We hope young people will enjoy and utilise the open space to socialise and participate in recreational activities. As the design develops, we will continue to ensure that the enjoyment of all ages is considered.

Why hasn't the Council halted progress until after the COVID-19 pandemic?

The redevelopment of Twickenham Riverside is a priority and has been for many years. Work to progress the design can continue largely as normal and so the Council is keen to continue to deliver this vision for the local area.

What is happening to residents who use the current Embankment parking?

The Council made the decision to remove parking from the Embankment in order to open up the riverside to all residents and prioritise people over cars. This decision was taken by Committee in November 2020. A plan has been developed to help mitigate the loss of these spaces and the Council continues to engage with local stakeholders on this.

As the consultation is online how can I ask questions about the proposals?

There will be two public presentations from the architect with an opportunity to ask questions. For further information, and further FAQs, please go to the 'have your say' link to the right. Alternatively email your queries to: ProgrammeTeam@richmond.gov.uk

TELL US YOUR VIEWS

The Council is seeking views from local residents on the proposals for the future of the Twickenham Riverside. Further engagement will be carried out as part of the Planning Application process.

Please have your say online:

www.richmond.gov.uk/twickenham_redevelopment

Deadline for feedback:

Wednesday 3rd February