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Dear Ms Keegan

LOCATION: Tileman House 131 - 133 Upper Richmond Road SW15
APPLICATION NUMBER: 2009/1773

Thank you for your recent consultation letter regarding the revised application for the redevelopment of this site. Its potential redevelopment continues to offer an opportunity to significantly improve the south side of the Upper Richmond Road.

The Upper Richmond Road represents a key employment area for both Putney and the Borough. The provision of new homes and employment space for businesses, ideally equivalent to any existing area, is important to support Putney town centre via the spending power of those living and working in Putney.

The original 2008/5428 application, which this current application modifies, reduced current employment space by 17%. The latest (2009/1773) reduces the commercial floorspace by a further 10sqm. However, given that there is previously approved planning permission with the same amount of employment space as the 2008/5428 application, one might decide that this new application broadly meets the new LDF policy in that new schemes should provide replacement office floorspace. Increasing the proposed employment floorspace could probably only be achieved by building further residential units as part of an even more intensive, and therefore, taller scheme, which would not be popular. The benefit of this latest scheme is that it would significantly improve part of the ageing office stock in the Upper Richmond Road by creating modern employment floorspace suitable for a range of modern business uses.

Redevelopment would hopefully provide encouragement to other owners along the Upper Richmond Road to redevelop.

Yours sincerely



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