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Comment type: You object to the planning application

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Comment: I see there is no provision within the plans to accommodate loading and or parking spaces for the many service vehicles that deliver to the restaurants and Pubs in the Hampton Court Village. Presently they are found everyday parked on the large traffic island, adjacent to the square Olive restaurant, where they are tucked in on double yellow lines, out of the way and not impeding traffic flow. The new plans show that this part of the road is reduced in size by half and will no longer accommodate the large trucks. Bridge Road is very narrow and deliveries will have to be made by entering Bridge Road and delivering to the door. This will create untold gridlock for residents and businesses.

The new bus stop (461) will also obstruct the view of the Palace from all the visitors to the bustling café strip on Bridge Road. It idles at the bus stop for extended periods at this stop every day.

Traffic flows well at this junction especially in non-peak times and works well without a jungle of urban furniture, flashing lights and beeping panels. When traffic is allowed to pass unhindered pollution is reduced. Traffic lights require waiting when there is no traffic. Introducing unnecessary waiting will increase pollution levels.

The view from the river will also be spoiled by traffic lights peeping over the Lutyens bridge. If I remember correctly great care was taken in the preservation of appropriate lighting restoration. If this is to be taken seriously, can a set of traffic lights be seen as preservation of such an important local landmark?