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Ms J Margetts
Planning Services, Elmbridge Borough Council,
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KT10 9SD

Re. Application 2018/3810

Dear Ms Margetts,

I am writing in support of Alexpo & Network Rail Infrastructure's planning application for the regeneration of the Jolly Boatman and Hampton Court station redevelopment area. I support the application for the following reasons:

- In place of the eyesore hoardings at the station, there will be a major new public square, befitting the international reputation of the Palace.
- The traffic outside this site is a nightmare, which will be made better by a significant investment in the road network, replacing the traffic gyratory with a simplified road network and traffic lights next to the bridge.
- We need new homes, and the 97 built here, including affordable homes, will mean less need to build them in the green belt.
- It will be good to go to a small foodstore outside the station, and the station itself needs to be modernised and refurbished.
- I am pleased the developers have reduced the time of the construction by 14 months, with the use of a temporary car park on Cigarette Island, and I am pleased they are using recycled plastic matting to reduce damage to the park itself.
- With almost no development on the Jolly Boatman site, there's a massive reduction in density and development on that part of the site; and overall the density of this scheme is comparable with the approved scheme.
- I understand why the developer needed to raise the height of the homes, albeit by just 5 foot 10 inches, to ensure the maximum possible space for the public square and a good visual link to Cigarette Park.
- The developer will pay over £2 million to improve infrastructure in the wider area.
- The developer is planting 31 new trees and protecting the mature hedge at the rear.
- This is a first class traditional design, by architects Allies and Morrison. It will have a beneficial effect on the character and appearance of the conservation area as a whole.
- I am pleased that transport experts have said there will be unused parking places in the car park at all times on a normal day, and even if typical car parking controls are brought in.
- It's good that the homes will have more car parking permits available to them than the previously approved scheme gave them.
- A short free parking period in the new car park will be a good thing for local people.
- The extra 180 cycle spaces is a necessity, and it's good the cycleway will be extended to the station.
- Anywhere between 50 and 125 full time jobs will come from this development.

