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Mr Derek Tanner
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Dear Mr Tanner

Linden Homes/Galliford Try Site, Sandy Lane, Teddington

I wish to add the views of The Friends of Bushy and Home Parks to the serious concerns other local groups have of the proposed new plans for the site. It had been agreed after much negotiation that the plans drawn up by Linden Homes last year would be implemented.

The new plans proposed by Galliford Try are totally unacceptable. The aspect of the southern boundary from within Bushy Park would be dominated by the proposed increase in height and the proposed unbroken run of building. In the earlier plans it was agreed to limit the height of the building. It is proposed that this is to be increased to 6 storeys. This is far too high to do anything but overpower the outlook from within the park. The joining together of blocks B & B1 and C & C1 will give the effect of a much greater mass. This, too, will have a severe detrimental effect on the views from the park. No amount of tree planting will cover or disguise the view.

The new plans represent a breaking of the firm promise given to local residents by Linden that they would not come back with a more ambitious plan if we withdrew our objections to the then current one. Galliford Try should be bound by that agreement

This new application must be stopped. The impact on Bushy Park to say nothing of the surrounding area will be nothing short of disastrous.

Yours faithfully

Pieter Morpurgo