

Introduction: the Champion Concerns Monitoring Group

The Champion Concerns Monitoring Group grew out of residential concern that the 'consultation' exercise, carried out in November/December 2005, on behalf of Try Homes, by Green Issues Communications, was a consultation in name only. Subsequent developments have served to confirm and reinforce that impression and also to convince us that Try Homes was going to try to develop the site in a way that took no account of the surrounding built environment or of the Spring Grove Conservation Area.

The group has tried its best to make all its activities information-led. To that end its members have studied large numbers of documents to make themselves familiar with the planning context of the development. We wanted our evaluation of the development (positive or negative) to be grounded in planning considerations and not merely individual/subjective preferences. We believe that the eleven months of work we have put into the issues of this development have enabled us to do that.

Our second main objective has been to stay in contact with all the residents affected by the development, starting with those living in its catchment area. To achieve that we have produced seven Newsletters, leaflets, organised a petition, held meetings, and set up a website. We are now delivering some 1200 newsletters. The feedback and participation of residents has been extremely good.

Many residents have given us copies of the letters that they have sent to the Planning Department to explain their grounds for objecting to the application. The letters contain a number of very strong themes explaining why residents want this application to be refused. We believe that the residents are right and the enclosed papers show why in some detail. Despite the limited time and resources available to us we believe that our papers make an overwhelming case for the rejection of this application. We hope that the officers of the Planning Department and the Councillors on the planning committees will agree with us.

Documents in this folder

1. Executive summary of our objections to the development application.
2. Comments on the *Planning Statement in Support of a Planning Application in respect of Champion House Osterley*. (12 pages)
3. Comments on the *Conservation Assessment in Support of a Planning Application in respect of Champion House*. (14 pages)
4. An Unsustainable Proposal: *Comments on the Try Homes Proposed main building on the Champion House site*. (3 pages)
5. Comments on the Try Homes response to *London Borough of Hounslow Sustainability Checklist*. (3 pages)
6. Comments on the *Statement of Community Engagement by Green Issues Communications*. (8 pages)
7. Community Involvement through Champion Concerns (has details of residents' petition). (2 pages)
8. Comments on *Champion House: Design Notes*. (1 page)
9. Comments on the *Energy Report* (4 pages)
10. *Mechanical Services on the Champion House Site* (8 pages)
11. Comments on the *Transport Assessment and Transport Plan for the Champion House Planning Application*. (6 pages)
12. Comments on the *Landscape and Visual Statement*. (3 pages)
13. Photographs of Housing Opposite the Champion Site (2 pages)
14. Note on the Champion House Fence (1 page)