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Application Details

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The waterworks buildings are in desperate need of saving and the proposals seem well researched and presented. They are distinct and their significance extends well beyond the boundaries of the area. They are valuable to the story of London as a whole and need to be revived.

For this reason, I wholeheartedly support these plans.

Unless the council proposes that the waterworks buildings be turned into a third museum, they will have to be repurposed and converted to be saved.

There is already the London Museum of Water and Steam in Kew and Kempton Steam Museum in Hanworth.

Historic England have approved the plans and repurposing the waterworks will not only revive the area and save the buildings but give purpose to a conservation area which is dominated by 90's residential buildings.

With over 1400 buildings listed as heritage at risk, it would be shortsighted of the council and contrary to conservation to miss this opportunity to save them. Structural changes will have to be made because the building was designed for a purpose it can no longer serve.

It is also a great opportunity for the council to work with developers and residents to review the area and make improvements.

This particular part of Hampton is noticeably run down and looks almost forgotten about despite its historic significance and being an entry point into Richmond Borough.

Platts Eyot, the boat houses and residents south of Upper Sunbury Road are almost cut off from the rest of Hampton by there being no safe pedestrian crossing between Percy Road and Thames Close. This is despite there being traffic lights that could be changed, to do so.

In my experience traffic issues are caused by burst water pipes, delivery vehicles on Hampton Hill during peak travelling

hours and events at Hampton Court, which are unlikely to change. The proposed crossing could perhaps improve traffic by helping to regulate the flow.

Aldershot Hospital, Cambridge, Brandon Yard, Bristol and the former Power Station, Battersea are just a few examples of how redevelopment

can meet modern housing needs, assist the local economy and sustain local heritage.

If the waterworks are not repurposed and converted, they will be rendered useless to the point that the only option is to knock them down or leave them to rot. They will then be replaced with modern housing, 10 years down the line ... if not sooner