

High Rise in Canbury Park Car Park

– only the start of widespread chaos for Kingston residents

Kingston council has already accepted that **16 storey buildings** are acceptable in Canbury Ward and around Richmond Park. The report claims that “Kingston’s existing buildings do not currently break the skyline” an assertion that is blatantly not true if you stand in Richmond Park near Thatched Cottage and look over the town.

Excerpt from Kingston Views Strategy 2018

NOTE: Natural England was NOT consulted on this strategy despite the proximity of much of Kingston to Richmond Park and Wimbledon Common which are both ostensibly protected areas

“VERY HIGHLY IMPORTANT VIEWS”

View south of Richmond Park

The Park is internationally important in terms of its nature conservation value and has numerous local and national designations. It is probably best known for the deer herds and ancient oaks. Views are obtained across to the following landmarks and assets: Bentalls Grade II – Primary Landmark, All Saints Flag Pole and turret Grade I Listed and the Guildhall Grade II Listed. Whilst there are several locations within Richmond Park where the townscape and skyline of Kingston can be viewed, this particular location provides the clearest view towards All Saints Church and the Guildhall, which acts as a way marker set within Kingston Town Centre which lies in a bowl with clear views beyond obtained of the Surrey Hills from this elevated location.

The viewpoint is a fixed location from a bench and from this location the varied skyline of Kingston and relationship between more recent tall buildings along the river front are seen in relation to the scale of other landmark listed buildings. Proposed buildings which are out of

scale and taller than existing buildings will be apparent from Richmond Park and alter the skyline. Kingston's existing taller buildings do not currently break the skyline line or obscure views across to the listed assets within the town centre.