



THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

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EMAIL TO RICHARD GLANVILLE, NETWORK RAIL COMMUNITY RELATIONS – UNSATISFACTORY REPLY ON BEHALF OF NR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Thank you for your letter of 16th April regarding the fluorescent pea green mesh and barbed wire fence that has been installed at Teddington Station without any consultation with local residents or anyone in Richmond upon Thames Council. Unfortunately, you have not provided the information requested in my letter to Iain Coucher, which has been quoted as the justification for the installation of this quite unnecessary and inappropriate fence. I would be grateful if you would provide fully documented evidence of the following in the vicinity of the station (say within 200 metres of the ticket office):-

- 1. Alleged high incidence of railway trespass**
- 2. Alleged high incidence of vandalism**
- 3. Alleged fly tipping (a new item introduced in your letter of 16th April)**

Once I have this information, I will be in a position to reply more fully.

You should be aware that in spite of extensive enquiries with local police and others, we have been unable to find evidence of any of these activities in recent years. Nor have we heard any reports of fare avoidance at Teddington, although we are aware of reports of this happening at Hampton Wick Station.

I understand that someone from Network Rail has been in touch with our MP, Dr Vince Cable, about an on site meeting, I have also left a message with Paula Williams about such a meeting. As the Teddington Society works closely with Vince Cable over many local issues, one meeting, which includes all the interested parties, including local Councillors, should be adequate. Presumably someone from Her Majesty's Railway Inspectorate will be invited, as it will give an opportunity for Network Rail's Fencing Policy to be reviewed - including the need for public consultation. No doubt SWT will also want to be represented as SWT has to manage stations that should be attractive and passenger-friendly, with a level of security appropriate to the perceived revenue and other risks identified.

I attach some pictures of the security fencing that was put in place when Network Rail reinforced and widened the A312 bridge at Feltham, on Harlington Road East. This is the sort of security fencing that should be put in place in sensitive locations - particularly in and around Victorian Railway Stations in built-up areas, such as Teddington Station.

Happy to discuss,

Yours sincerely,

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