



# THE RICHMOND SOCIETY

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Dear Sirs

## **Heathrow Airtrack application for a Transport and Works Act Order**

I am writing to set out the Richmond Society's response to the Heathrow Airtrack application for a Transport and Works Act Order. The Richmond Society is a local amenity and conservation group with around 1000 members. We have worked for over fifty years to make Richmond a better place to live, work in and visit. Further information about us can be found at [www.richmondsociety.co.uk](http://www.richmondsociety.co.uk).

The Richmond Society welcomes in principle the Airtrack proposals as the service will benefit our many members living near Richmond Station.

However, we remain very concerned that Airtrack may substantially increase road traffic congestion and pollution in Richmond as a result of greater down time at the Manor Road level crossing and the three other roads with level crossings between Richmond and Barnes. We note that traffic movements over these level crossings have not yet been modelled, and that as yet there have been no proposals to mitigate any detrimental impact from greater down time.

It is therefore our view that granting the Transport and Works Act Order would be premature. We urge you to insist that before it is granted the required traffic modelling is carried out for the Richmond level crossings and mitigation actions are consulted on and agreed.

Yours faithfully

Patricia Spaight  
Honorary Secretary