

Ms Victoria Phillips comments

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We are a charity working in the Boroughs of Richmond, Kingston, Hounslow and Wandsworth to support environmental projects and organisations.

We support the comments of London Food Links and London Friends of Greenspaces Network both of which we are a member of.

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