

RIVERSIDE RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER 17 May 2021

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF STAINES

... Council must declare decisions already taken ...

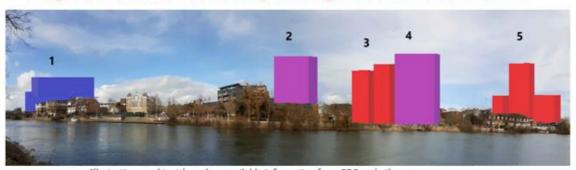
Residents throughout Spelthorne are being invited to tell the Borough Council how they want to see Staines develop in the future as a place to live, work and visit. The six-week consultation starts on Tuesday with the launch of a questionnaire covering a wide range of issues.

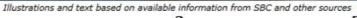
"The draft Staines Masterplan to pepper the town with high-rise developments began to emerge at the end of 2019 with an announcement of 'Preferred Options and Site Allocations'. The Council's new leadership elected last summer immediately set up Task Groups to review the proposals. So holding a consultation of residents' views now, almost a year later, is curious timing," says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition. "Clearly some important decisions have already been taken on a broad strategy for Spelthorne and what impact these decisions will have on Staines absorbing a disproportionate amount of the borough's housing target. We hope this will be declared when the consultation is launched tomorrow."

To sign the "Save Staines From High-rise Hell" petition <u>click here</u> ... and encourage friends and family to do the same! More than 2,000 Staines residents already have!

Spelthorne Borough Council must spread the planned housing growth target more evenly across the borough and prevent tower-block developments in the Staines Conservation Area or overlooking the river.

High-rise heaven for developers! High-rise hell for residents!







- 1 Arora hotel Bridge St Car Park (14-storey 342-room hotel and 200+ flats).
- 2 Debenhams (15-storeys 250 flats).
- 3 Old telephone exchange / Masonic Hall (twin towers, 13 and 15 storeys 200 flats)
- 4 Tothill Car Park/ Library/ Museum/ Communications House (15 storeys 250 flats)
- 5 Thameside House (15 storeys 146 flats)

Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition – a Working Group of six residents' organisations serving the interests of residents on both sides of the river. Supported by: Staines Town Society. www.riversideresidentsstaines.org.uk

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