



RIVERSIDE RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

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PETITION AGAINST HIGH-RISE HELL IN STAINES DELIVERED TO SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR FULL COUNCIL DEBATE IN OCTOBER

A petition calling on Spelthorne Borough Council to prevent high-rise developments in the Staines Conservation Area and overlooking the riverfront was hand-delivered to the Council offices this morning with the request that it is on the agenda for debate at the next meeting of the Council on 14 October.

The focus of the petition is five sites in Staines Ward (illustrated below): Bridge Street Car Park and Hanover House, Debenhams, Old Telephone Exchange and Masonic Hall, Tothill Car Park, and Thameside House. The Council has identified these in its draft plan for the town for developments up to 15-storeys high. The petition was organised and promoted to residents by the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition and managed by the independent organisation 38 Degrees.

"Council rules dictate that any petition relating to a single ward that is signed by more than 1,000 is entitled to a debate in the full Council. Our petition has been signed by more than 3,500," says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition. "Our campaign against this high-rise hell has significant support from Councillors representing residents in Staines, Staines South, and Riverside & Laleham. The Council needs to call a time-out on burdening the town with tower-blocks of tiny flats, not least because the two key justifications for them in the draft town plan are now under serious challenge. In the first place, with the declared support of Spelthorne MP Kwasi Kwarteng, there is a good chance the borough's high housing target will be reduced. Second, it is becoming clear that the housing target, whatever it is, could be spread more evenly across the borough and not have nearly half of it dumped on Staines."



Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition – a Working Group of six residents' organisations serving the interests of residents on both sides of the river. Supported by other residents' organisations across Staines and the Staines Town Society.

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