

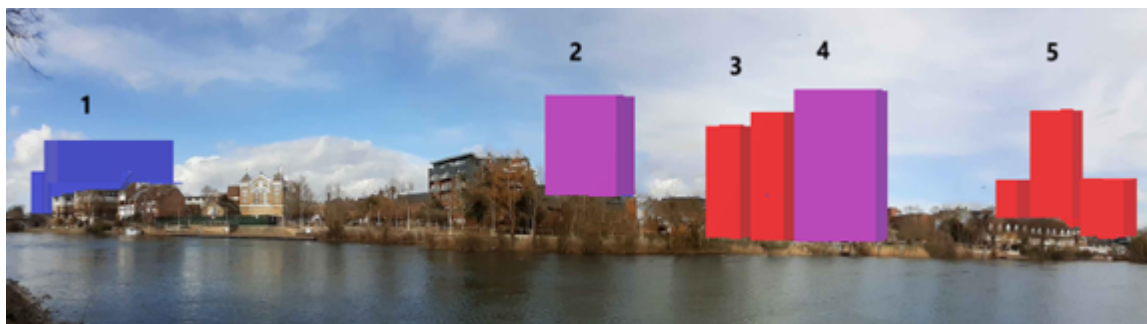


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TOWER BLOCKS OF FLATS PROPOSED FOR REDEVELOPED DEBENHAMS SITE Exhibition/Consultation on 13 October

Property developers *Future High Street Living* will hold a public exhibition and consultation on their proposals to redevelop the Debenhams site in Staines High Street. This will be held at Staines Methodist Church, Thames Street, on the evening of Wednesday 13 October between four and eight o'clock.

"We have been told that their proposals call for the Debenhams building to be demolished and replaced with 14-storey twin towers of flats with retail on the ground floor," says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition. "The exhibition and consultation is part of the developer's discussions with the Council and others before they finalise a planning application. Regardless of your views on the Debenhams building or high-rise developments in the town, we encourage all residents to see what the developer has in mind and share your thoughts with them."



This illustration (based on information from Spelthorne Borough Council and other sources) shows sites the Council has identified in its draft 'Staines Masterplan' for possible high-rise developments. The plan is currently under review with a new draft plan to be the subject of a public consultation. In the meantime developers have proposed schemes for:

- 1 Arora hotel and apartments (14-storeys in the riverside Staines Conservation Area by Staines Bridge, now the subject of an independent investigation).*
- 2 The Debenhams site (14-storey twin towers, shown here as one block).*
- 3 Old Telephone Exchange / Masonic Hall site (15-storey twin towers, rejected unanimously by the Council's planning committee, but now the subject of an appeal by the developer).*

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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