



Some of the volunteers who talked to shoppers in Staines High Street yesterday about the dangers of the upcoming Inland Homes appeal hearing.

OPPOSITION GROWS AGAINST HIGH-RISE HELL IN STAINES

IN JUST FIVE HOURS on Staines High Street yesterday, 572 shoppers signed individual personal postcards to the government Planning Inspector urging him to "endorse Spelthorne Borough Council Planning Committee's unanimous decision to reject the Inland Homes town-wrecking scheme." More people were asking for the cards, so we anticipate many more to add to the pile.

The appeal by Inland Homes against the rejection of their plans for twin-towers (13 and 15 storeys) of tiny flats on a site next to Debenhams not far back from the river starts at the end of this month.

"If the Inland Homes appeal succeeds, it will be much more difficult to stop the other tower blocks proposed in the discredited and unapproved Staines Masterplan from going ahead too. These would include the demolition of the Debenhams building to make way for two more tower blocks, now a planning application recently submitted for the Council's consideration," says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition. "Staines must not be cursed with high-rise hell because the door has been left open for greedy developers by the Council's endless delays in producing a new Local Plan that would respond to the community's demands for a limit on the height of new buildings."

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

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