



RIVERSIDE RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER 15 MAY 2022

THIS WILL BE STAINES



Sites earmarked for high-rise by Spelthorne Council. Data from various sources including the Council and developers.

IF COUNCIL NIMBYs AND TINAs GET THEIR WAY

STAINES WILL BE PEPPERED with tower blocks of tiny flats to accommodate a 50% increase in its population if Spelthorne Borough Council's NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard) and TINAs (There Is No Alternative) get their way. This is what's in store for the town if the current draft of Spelthorne's Local Plan is approved unamended by the full Council on Thursday (19 May).

"Any Councillor who cares about the appearance and amenity of the borough's main town for those who live, work and visit here will not vote for the Plan as it stands. We all have to accept that 'high-rise' is coming to Staines like it or not; but it need not all be 'high-rise hell' and we want to help the Council mitigate the worst excesses of it", says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition. "The current draft of the Local Plan gives very little real protection for sensitive areas (the riverside, Conservation Area, and immediately adjacent to existing residential areas). There is also no good reason why Staines must absorb a jaw-dropping 55% of the borough's entire housing target, or why that decision has to be taken now. We have proposed solutions for both problems; but many Councillors outside Staines are happy to see our town trashed to protect their back yard. They mustn't be allowed to get away with it. This is about Council 'power politics' not 'planning priorities' and not in the best interests of the borough as a whole, let alone the well-being of Staines residents."

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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