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COUNCIL'S 'GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY' TO STOP CONTROVERSIAL ARORA SCHEME

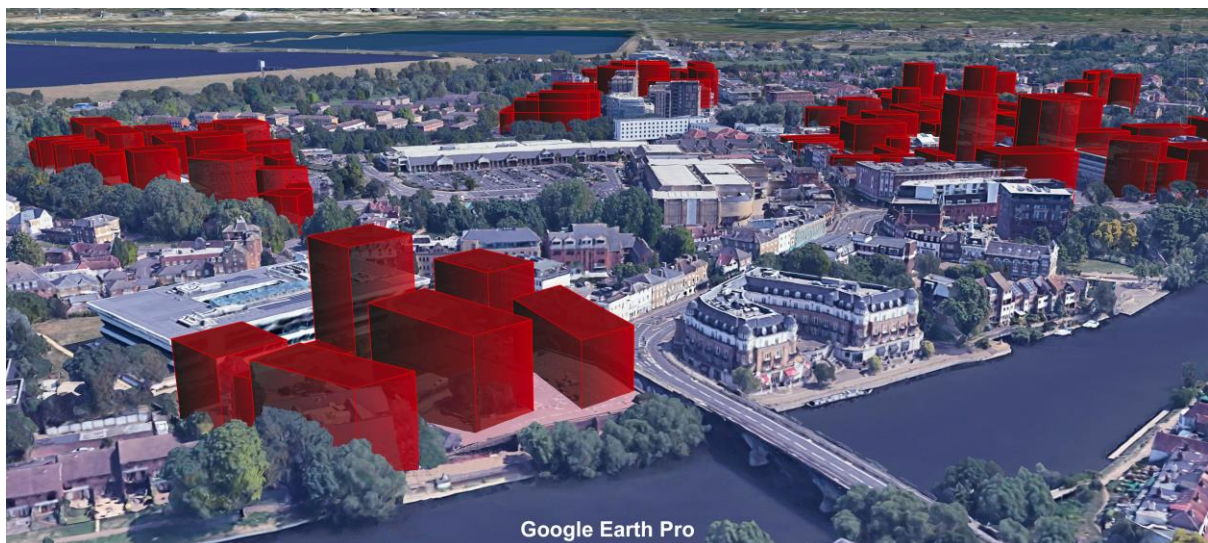
SPELTHORNE COUNCIL'S HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL contract with the Arora group for a massive hotel and apartments complex in the sensitive riverside Staines Conservation Area lapses if the company has not secured planning approval by 30 August. The company has asked the Council to approve an extension of the contract and also says it now wants to develop a different scheme (see new illustration below). This will be considered by the Council's Development Sub-Committee on Tuesday next week (26 July).

"We have written to the Council (full text available on request) to explain why it must let the contract lapse and reconsider how the site should be developed. The current scheme and contract were highly controversial when approved more than two years ago. It led to an immediate change in the Council's leadership and an independent investigation. This was completed months ago but the Council has refused to release any information on it until at least 1 August," says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition.

"The Council now has a golden opportunity to insist that any new scheme for the site must respect the Council's obligations to 'preserve or enhance' the Conservation Area and stay within the Council's own zoning proposals to protect sensitive areas of the town. It will be another scandal if it doesn't."

[Click here](#) for a 'quick and easy' questionnaire on the Council's plans for Staines.

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Proposed/ revised Arora scheme (foreground) – from available data

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.

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