



RIVERSIDE RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

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ARORA INQUIRY ANNOUNCEMENT ... Council suffers lapse of memory ...

Spelthorne Borough Council issued a press release yesterday afternoon announcing an independent inquiry into the history and contract for the Arora hotel/apartment scheme for the riverside Staines Conservation Area – hardly news as this was announced by Council Leader John Boughtflower at a full Council meeting on 25 February!

In fact, Cllr Boughtflower announced comprehensive and robust terms of reference for the inquiry as recently as 28 April to explore “the possibility of misconduct and/or fraud” ([click here](#) for details).

“The Council seems to have suffered a lapse of memory,” says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition. “All that’s left now is to announce who will conduct the inquiry and we look forward to knowing that in the coming days.”

The Council’s press release refers to a meeting with our Coalition in January. We reported on this in our *Residents Newsletter* of 21 January – “SPELTHORNE COUNCIL MAKE SHOCK CONFESSION ON ARORA HOTEL SCHEME” – ([click here](#)).

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

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