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COUNCIL PLAN FOR STAINES (ALMOST) NO-ONE LIKES ... how residents can make their voices heard fly around our 3D virtual model of the town ...

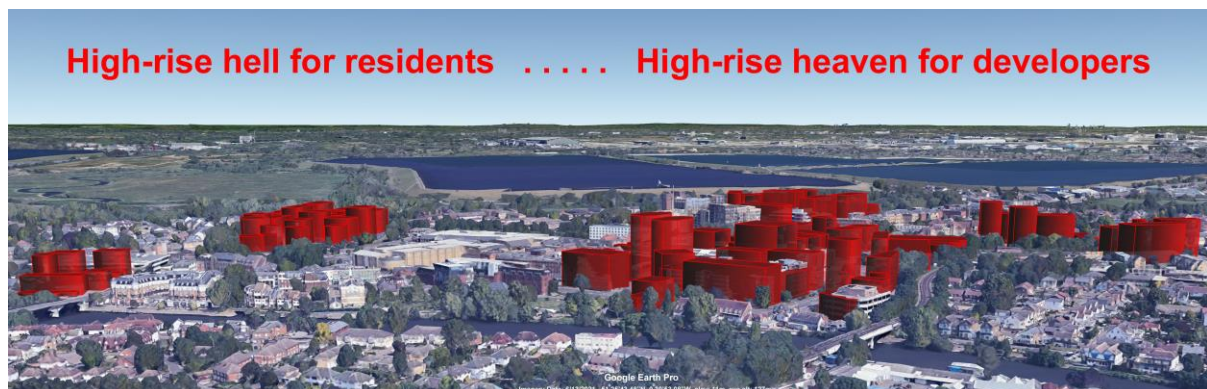
A NEW WEBSITE DESIGNED TO help residents understand the Council's plan to transform Staines, why almost no-one likes it (except developers), why the government thinks it's unnecessary, and how residents can make their voices heard, is launched today:

www.ourstainesfuture.org.uk.

You can find out what the town will look like if the plan is fully implemented by taking a virtual flight around our 3D digital model of 'Staines of the future' (just click on the website link or the illustration below).

"The Council's plan for Spelthorne and the future of Staines is based on what it insists is a 'government-imposed target' of having to build at least 618 new homes in the borough every year for the next 15. The government insists there is no 'target' or 'minimum'. It also insists the Council can develop a plan that best meets the borough's needs and accommodates existing constraints which the Secretary of State acknowledges," says a spokesperson for the Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition. "But the Council is committed to the 618+ number. It also insists more than half the new homes must be built in Staines - 5,000 flats in tower blocks across the town to accommodate a 50 per cent population increase. The plan goes to the government Planning Inspectorate later this year to be approved. We plan to fight it and will launch a survey in mid-July to find out what residents think about key aspects of it that affect living in the town. It is very important residents make their voices heard.

"We suggested to the Council ages ago that it should produce a model of the town for a public exhibition so residents can see and fully understand the plan's dramatic transformation of the town. If that couldn't be done, we suggested a 3D digital model people could see. It has yet to do either, so we've produced one you can fly around - just click on the illustration below".



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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