

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

The purpose of seeking residents' views is to help the Planning Inspector decide whether to approve or reject the plan. The Inspector will determine this by considering whether the plan is 'legally compliant and sound'. Although this sounds very technical, there are a number of specific issues that 'the man or woman in the street' can get to grips with.

Residents can make their voices heard through any or all of the following:

1 Our residents' survey

The Riverside Residents (Staines) Coalition's six residents' association partners will make a substantial and comprehensive submission direct to the Planning Inspector on aspects of the plan that are relevant to Staines residents. We will include in this the views of residents across Staines as supporting evidence. [Click here](#) for our 'quick-and-easy' on-line residents' survey questionnaire. The results will be included in the submission we will send to the Planning Inspector who will decide whether to approve the Council's plan or require amendments. The questionnaire focuses on what most Staines residents tell us they are principally interested in and will want to comment on.

2 The Council's consultation

The Council will send the plan to the Planning Inspector unaltered from the one it has published, regardless of the findings of its public consultation. But, importantly, the findings of its consultation will be sent to the Planning Inspector at the same time unfiltered by the Council. This is better than having the Council decide what's important and what isn't.

Most residents may find contributing to the Council's consultation a challenge. It relates to the plan for the whole borough not just Staines (more than 3,000 pages including supporting evidence/documentation). That said, we encourage residents to participate in the Council's consultation, or at least to look at the Council's questionnaire before deciding (www.spelthorne.gov.uk/localplan).

A potential difficulty at the moment is the Council's on-line questionnaire appears to be materially different to the paper/downloadable 'Word' version. We will draw this to the Council's attention.

3 Write to a Staines Councillor

Your Councillors were elected to represent your interests and want to know what their residents think on this as on other issues:

Staines

Cllr Malcolm Beecher cllr.beecher@spelthorne.gov.uk (Cllr Beecher is also the new chair of the Council's Environment and Sustainability Committee responsible for what happens to the plan next.)

Cllr Tom Lagden cllr.lagden@spelthorne.gov.uk

Cllr Veena Siva cllr.siva@spelthorne.gov.uk

Staines South

Cllr Chris Bateson cllr.bateson@spelthorne.gov.uk

Cllr Sinead Mooney cllr.mooney@spelthorne.gov.uk

Cllr Jenny Vinson cllr.vinson@spelthorne.gov.uk

Riverside and Laleham

Cllr Michele Gibson cllr.gibson@spelthorne.gov.uk

Cllr Tony Harman cllr.harman@spelthorne.gov.uk

Cllr Denise Saliagopoulos cllr.saliagopoulos@spelthorne.gov.uk (Cllr Saliagopoulos is also Deputy Mayor.)

4 Write direct to the Inspector

Resident can write direct to the Planning Inspector, although there is a strong preference for residents' views to be consolidated in submissions from residents' associations and other groups, and the Council's consultation. We will publish the Inspector's name and contact details in due course.