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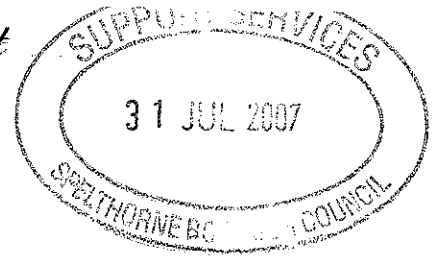
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Dear Mr Dawes,

Re: Spelthorne Development Plan – Riverside Works, Fordbridge Road, Sunbury

We wish to object to the proposal to build 50 dwellings on the above EA site for the following reasons:

1. The site abuts the River Thames. With the recent UK flooding it would seem pure hypocrisy for a site owned by the Environment Agency to be considering building on flood plain. The borough of Spelthorne had a housing target last year of 860 and has in fact built 1506 units. Another 50 units at this site will overload the local schools, GP surgeries, and add considerably to the traffic problems in Sunbury.
2. The site is on a very busy road with poor site lines and another possible 100 cars accessing the road at rush hours will be extremely hazardous.
3. The site is raised above the adjacent residential properties causing concerns over visual impact and added drainage/sewage problems, again possibly exacerbating the likelihood of local flooding. The digging of foundations and for the extra drains required could seriously damage adjacent properties as has happened in the past on this site.
4. There is also a lack of accessibility to the site of public transport, there being only an infrequent bus service. This will add to the traffic problems for mothers taking children to school and does not support sustainable development.

For all the above reasons, the proposed development at the EA site on Fordbridge Road would have an extremely negative impact on the village of Lower Sunbury and may well contribute to future flooding of adjacent properties by its development.

Would the council wish to see expenditure on flood damage in the future to local properties or should this now be an example of how to increase the flood plain not delete it? Shouldn't the Environment Agency of all Government departments be setting an example as to the restitution of flood plain not its destruction?

Yours sincerely,

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