



### Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

Notice is hereby given that the **Environment Agency (EA)** and **Surrey County Council (SCC)** (the "Applicants") (whose registered offices are at Horizon House, Deane Road, Bristol, BS1 5QH and Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8EF respectively) propose to make an application (the Application) for development consent under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The River Thames Scheme has been designated as a project of national significance following Secretary of State direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Application relates to the River Thames Scheme which runs through Runnymede Borough (between Egham Hythe and Chertsey) and through Spelthorne Borough (between Littleton North lake and the Desborough Cut). The Application will also include other related works within Elmbridge Borough (at Desborough Island and Molesey Weir), London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (at Teddington Weir) and London Borough of Hounslow (temporary provision of car parks).

Once built, the flood channel will be considered in legal terms to be a 'flood defence structure' and it is intended that it will also be a 'main river'. Further information on what this means is contained in the statutory consultation brochure and on the consultation website set out below.

#### The Application will, among other things, seek development consent for:

- The creation of a new flood channel in two sections through the boroughs of Runnymede and Spelthorne, totalling over 5 miles (8.5km) long;
- Capacity improvements to the Sunbury, Molesey and Teddington weirs to increase the amount of water that can flow through them. This would involve installing more gates that can be opened when river levels rise;
- Capacity improvements to the River Thames through lowering the middle part of the bed of the River Thames downstream of Desborough Cut;
- New green open spaces associated with the flood channel, with access for local communities and facilities such as sports fields, accessible pathway network, nature play spaces and associated new landscape features;
- Priority areas for habitat creation, enhancement and mitigation, which link existing and new wildlife corridors, improve fish passage and build upon the network of existing wildlife sites;
- New or improved active travel provision associated with the flood channel corridor in areas of enhanced public connection, linking to the existing network and two new pedestrian and cycle bridges across the River Thames at Chertsey and Desborough Island;
- Changes to the road layout and utilities, including temporary diversions during construction;
- Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures and other ancillary works;
- The temporary stopping up, alteration or diversion (if required) of any street and/or public rights of way;
- The compulsory acquisition and/or temporary possession (if required) of land and/or rights;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation (as required) that is relevant to the Scheme;
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient for the purposes of the Scheme;
- Temporary construction features such as site compounds and materials processing and storage sites; and
- Temporary car parking for construction workers.

The River Thames Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ('EIA development') under The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that it is a development for which an EIA is required, and as a result, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') will be published as part of the consultation material. The Application for a DCO will be accompanied by a full Environmental Statement.

### Information points

Printed copies of the consultation brochure will be available for collection and the non-technical summaries of the PEIR, flood modelling report, other environmental documents and map books available for inspection free of charge at the following locations during normal opening hours:

LOCATION	ADDRESS
Addlestone Library	Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone KT15 2AF
Avenue Halls	St Lukes, The Avenue, Kew TW9 2AJ
Bedfont Library	Staines Rd, Middlesex TW14 8D
Chertsey Library	Guildford Street, Chertsey KT16 9BE
Easter Centre - St Johns	Manor Farm Lane, Egham, Surrey TW20 9HR
Egham Library	High Street, Egham TW20 9EA
Elmbridge Borough Council Civic Centre	1 High Street, Esher KT10 9SD
Kingston Library	Fairfield Road, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2PS
Molesey (Henrietta Parker) Adult Learning Centre	Henrietta Parker Centre, Ray Road, West Molesey, KT8 2LG
Molesey Boat Club	Barge Walk, Molesey, East Molesey KT8 9AJ
Molesey Library	Walton, Road, Molesey, KT8 2HZ
Richard Mayo Centre	Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1HZ
Richmond Library	Little Green, Richmond TW9 1QL
Shepperton Library	High Street, Shepperton TW17 9AU
Spelthorne Leisure Centre	Knowle Green, Staines TW18 1AJ
Staines Community Centre	Thames Street, Spelthorne TW18 4EA
Staines Library	Friends Walk, Staines TW18 4P
Stanwell Library	5 Vibia Close, Stanwell, Staines TW19 7HR
Sunbury Library	41-43, The Parade, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 7AB
Surbiton Library	Ewell Road, Surbiton KT6 6AG
Teddington Library	Waldegrave Road, Teddington, TW11 8NY
The Greeno Centre	14 Meadow View, Glebeland Gardens, Shepperton TW17 9DH
Tudor Drive Library	192 Tudor Dr, Kingston upon Thames KT2 5QH
Virginia Water Library	6 Station Parade, Virginia Water GU25 4AB
Walton Community Centre	Manor Road, Walton-on-Thames KT12 2PB
Walton Library	The Heart Centre, 54 Hepworth Way, Walton-on-Thames KT12 1GH
Weybridge Library	Church Street, Weybridge KT13 8DE

All consultation materials and information about the River Thames Scheme can be accessed free of charge on the Applicant's website at [www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk](http://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk) and will continue to be available until at least 4th March 2024. A digital summary of the PEIR is also available on [www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/PEIR](http://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/PEIR)

One paper copy of the consultation brochure and feedback form will be sent free of charge to any UK address upon request during the consultation period. Other supporting documents including the PEIR, Non-Technical Summaries and supporting maps may incur a charge to cover the cost of printing and postage (maximum of £500). Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

We will also consider requests for alternative formats of documents, such as translations and large print, on a case-by-case basis (in discussion with the requester) to take into account individual circumstances.

The statutory consultation on the Scheme is scheduled to take place between **22nd January to 4th March 2024**. To find out more about our Scheme and access to the full suite of documents associated with this consultation, please visit [www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk](http://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk)

### Consultation events

We will be hosting a series of consultation events where you can speak with a Scheme representative and can view the consultation materials in person. Additionally, we will be hosting virtual events for those unable to attend the in-person consultation events. Should you wish to attend one of the virtual events, registration is required via the Scheme email address [enquiries@riverthamesscheme.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@riverthamesscheme.org.uk)

Further details regarding dates and locations of the consultation events and virtual events can be found below:

LOCATION	DATE (2024)	TIME
<b>Egham</b> , The Easter Centre, Manor Farm Lane, Egham, Surrey TW20 9HR	Tuesday 30th January	13:00-19:00
<b>Chertsey</b> , Chertsey Hall, Heriot Rd, Chertsey KT16 9DR	Friday 2nd February	13:00-19:00
<b>Shepperton</b> , Shepperton Village Hall, 58A High St, Shepperton TW17 9AU	Saturday 3rd February	10:00-16:00
<b>Molesey</b> , Vine Hall, Vine Rd, Molesey, East Molesey KT8 9LF	Sunday 4th February	10:00-16:00
<b>Walton on Thames</b> , Cecil Hepworth Playhouse, Hurst Grove, Walton-on-Thames KT12 1AU	Monday 5th February	13:00-19:00
<b>Teddington</b> , St Mary with Saint Alban, Ferry Rd, Teddington TW11 9NN	Tuesday 13th February	13:00-19:00
<b>Kingston upon Thames</b> , Everyday Conferencing, 46 Union St, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1RP	Thursday 15th February	13:00-19:00
<b>Shepperton</b> , Shepperton Village Hall, 58A High St, Shepperton TW17 9AU	Saturday 17th February	10:00-16:00
<b>Sunbury on Thames</b> , Hazelwood Centre Hazelwood Dr, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 6QU	Monday 19th February	13:00-19:00
<b>Staines, Hythe Centre</b> , 36 Thorpe Rd, Staines-upon-Thames, Egham TW18 3HD	Tuesday 20th February	13:00-19:00
<b>Thorpe</b> , Thorpe Village Hall, Coldharbour Ln, Thorpe, Egham TW20 8TE	Friday 23rd February	13:00-19:00

### Virtual events

DATE (2024)	TIME
Monday 29th January	19:00-20:30
Thursday 1st February	19:00-20:30
Monday 12th February (Island communities only)	19:00-20:30
Sunday 18th February	10:00-11:30
Thursday 22nd February	19:00-20:30

Any person and/or organisation/ group with an interest in the proposals presented may comment or otherwise respond to this publicity.

Responses to the consultation can be submitted in the following ways:

- Online feedback form:** Hosted on Citizen Space with a direct link included in the Scheme website [www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk](http://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk)
- Paper feedback form:** Available at our public consultation events and returning it to the address below.
- Written feedback:** FREEPOST RTUK – RBLY – XUBT, RIVER THAMES SCHEME, 5 First Street, Manchester, M15 4GU
- Email address:** [enquiries@riverthamesscheme.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@riverthamesscheme.org.uk)

### Responses must be received no later than 23:59 on the 4th March 2024.

Responses received after this time may not be considered.

The Environment Agency and Surrey County Council will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application once the consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Planning Inspectorate when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report. Any responses that are published as part of the Consultation Report will have all personal details redacted. However, the Planning Inspectorate can request an unredacted copy of the responses. Further details can be found on our privacy notice on the Scheme website [www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/privacy](http://www.riverthamesscheme.org.uk/privacy)

**If you have any queries about this notice, the Scheme or the consultation, please contact us using the details provided below.**

- **Telephone:** Surrey County Council Contact Centre – 03456 009 009
- **Email:** [enquiries@riverthamesscheme.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@riverthamesscheme.org.uk)
- **Text (SMS):** 07860 053 465 (for the deaf or hard of hearing community)
- **Textphone:** (via Relay UK): 18001 03456 009 009