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Hi

My sincere apologies about the delay in Woking BC response regarding the consultation from the Planning Inspectorate as to the content to be provided in an Environmental Statement relating to the proposed River Thames Scheme infrastructure project by the Environment Agency and Surrey County Council in Runnymede and Spelthorne Boroughs.

The area of the River Thames in question is approximately 5km from the nearest point in Woking borough (the Byfleet area) and so the impact of the works in Woking is likely to be minimal. As identified in the project documents, the project proposes a number of environmental improvements that we welcome for our surrounding areas, including new foot and cycle paths that may better our active travel connections to Weybridge and beyond into the Runnymede and Spelthorne Boroughs. There is also a proposed increase to the biodiversity and habitat areas along the project site which will positively impact on nature recovery and connectivity in the area. The only potential cause for concern raised by the project is the impact of the works during the construction period, which the documents suggest will likely impact negatively on the air quality and wildlife ecosystems in the area. Nevertheless, these are transient operations which are necessary for the development. Taking all of these factors into account however, we have no objection to the proposal.

Kind Regards

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