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Dear Ms Quinton,

**The Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017
– Adoption of a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15**

**Proposal: River Thames Capacity Improvements & Flood Channel Project:
Construction of 3 no. flood alleviation channels & associated flood management structures & infrastructure on land situated in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM), & the Runnymede Borough Council (RBC) & Spelthorne Borough Council (SBC) areas; widening of the Desborough Cut within the Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) area; the improvement or construction of 3 no. weirs, within the EBC area & the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames (LBRuT); construction of a flood storage area within the LBRuT area; construction & operation of 4 no. visitor centres & 4 no. car parks (RBWM, RBC & SBC); the construction & operation of up to 7 no. temporary materials processing sites (RBWM, RBC & SBC); the construction & use of up to 4 permanent compounds (RBWM, RBC, SBC) & up to 13 no. temporary compounds (RBWM, RBC, SBC, EBC, LBRuT); development of up to 6 no. 'landscape enhancement areas' (RBWM, RBC, SBC); development of up to 11 no. 'habitat creation areas' (RBWM, RBC, SBC, EBC, LBRuT); & creation of up to 19 km of new public access paths & cycleways (RBWM, RBC, SBC)**

I write in response to your request for an EIA scoping opinion, submitted on 19 June 2017, under the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) on behalf of the Environment Agency in respect of the above proposed scheme.

Surrey County Council have reviewed, on behalf of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBRuT), the scope of the environmental assessment work set out in the scoping

request report submitted on behalf of the Environment Agency. Full details of their advice on the information that they would expect to see provided in the Environmental Statements (ES) that will ultimately be submitted in support of any planning applications made in respect of the different components of the scheme are set out in the enclosed Scoping Opinion report.

An addendum is also provided summarising additional comments provided by consultees direct to the LBRuT. These should be addressed in any future ES that accompanies a development application within the administrative boundary of LBRuT. For the avoidance of doubt, both documents form the adopted scoping opinion of LBRuT.

Given that the proposed scheme is described in the submitted scoping request report in broad terms, and that decisions have yet to be confirmed regarding all of the components of the scheme which would be the subject of planning applications to LBRuT, we would recommend that further scoping advice be sought once the specifics of the individual elements of the wider scheme have been decided upon.

The fact that LBRuT have agreed this opinion shall not preclude them from subsequently requiring the Applicant to submit further information in connection with any submitted development application to the Council.

Yours sincerely

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