



Town and Manor
of Hungerford

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Dear Ms Mather,

Re: Written Submission to Western Area Planning Committee meeting Wednesday 22 July 2020. Agenda item 4.(3) 20/00612/FULD, Riverbend, Upper Eddington, Hungerford

As the neighbouring land owner to the south of the property, across the River Kennet, we welcome the decision that the upper floor areas, currently finished in blue render, are to be finished in vertical larch cladding. May we ask that it be made completely unambiguous in your consent that this must apply to all the blue painted areas and that the cladding must be natural coloured?

On the issue of landscaping, we challenge most strongly the conclusion that the unauthorized felling of the majority of the trees on the site, and the consequent loss of screening, particularly when viewed from the river, is acceptable in planning terms.

The Committee Report acknowledges that the extensive tree felling is materially harmful to the countryside setting, the AONB and the SSSI. It states incorrectly that the proposed landscape planting returns trees to the site to mitigate the impact on the SSSI and the river to the south.

There is no new planting shown which would screen the property from the river (see the lower image on slide 2 of the Committee Report Photos) which clearly shows the loss of screening.

May we also point out the "Existing open view to River" shown in the proposed landscaping scheme only exists because the applicant felled nearly all of the mature trees to create it.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive