

## Spelthorne Draft Retail & Other Town Centre Uses Study - Duty to Cooperate Comments and Responses

Document Section or Question	Name	Comment	Response	Change Required?
Draft Study Brief	Runnymede Borough Council	<p>Thank you for requesting Runnymede's views on the content of the brief.</p> <p>I can confirm that we do not wish to make any comment.</p>	Noted.	N/A
Whole (Draft Study)	Runnymede Borough Council	<p>Many thanks for consulting Runnymede Borough Council on the Spelthorne Retail and Town Centre Uses Study. The Council welcomes this opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Overall in my opinion the study provides a comprehensive overview of the planning policy background and general trends within the retail and leisure sectors. The audits carried out for each of the Borough's town centres are detailed and look at a range of indicators. The conclusions drawn appear logical.</p> <p>The survey demonstrates that leakage in expenditure from Spelthorne into Runnymede borough is limited. The most notable exception to this is in relation to the Sainsbury's supermarket in Staines which is just inside the borough of Runnymede and which has a notable market share in Spelthorne. There is however significant leakage from Runnymede into Spelthorne especially for comparison goods shopping. This is supported by the household surveys carried out</p>	The Council note these comments which do not require changes to be made to the Retail/Town Centre report.	N/A

		<p>as part of the 2014 Study and is supported by the conclusions of the 2009 Runnymede Retail Study.</p> <p>Runnymede Borough Council is at the early stage of Plan preparation and officers are currently gathering all of the evidence necessary to underpin the policies in the new Plan. Of note however, in September 2012 the Council published its Sustainable Community Strategy entitled 'A vision for Runnymede'. The themes and aspirations within this document will feed into the Council's Runnymede 2035 Local Plan. Of particular relevance is the stated aspiration of the Council in this strategy 'to take advantage of the opportunities to revitalise some of our key town centres and drive forward the local economy. Runnymede is well placed to benefit from economic growth, and we intend to be ready as a borough to take advantage. By developing policies in our LP (Local Plan) that encourage inward investment, we can help with the creation of new jobs, support existing jobs and businesses, and improve our high streets.</p> <p>Our plan is to make use of our property assets to provide the catalyst to revitalise our town centres. We will lead the work with both public and private sector stakeholders to improve the retail, commercial and leisure offer. We will also work with stakeholders to coordinate the improvement of the supporting infrastructure e.g. Surrey County Council and the provision of integrated bus services, and a possible bus, rail and cycling interchange as part of the regeneration strategy.</p>		
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Whole (Draft Study)	GLA	Thank you for your email of the 7 January 2015 consulting the Mayor of London on the Spelthorne Retail & Town Centre Uses Study.	The Council will need to consider proximity to London's boundaries and the co-ordination of cross boundary issues when formulating	N/A

		Our only comment is that you may wish to consider the need to coordinate matters related to the town centre network including regional shopping centres, out-of-centre developments and related parking provision in particular in locations near London's boundaries.	policy.	
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