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Dear Sirs

I am writing to formally object to the proposed changes under Policy 8 of the Local Plan. In particular I am extremely worried about the redefining of the functional floodplain that has been outlined in MM44. This reclassification as Zone 3b will have very negative effects for Eel Pie Island, as well as other areas, and in particular for my own home on the Island.

Incorrect Flood Zone Classification

The reclassification in MM44 is wrong. The Island is, and has historically been, in Flood Zone 3a and the proposed shift to Zone 3b is not supported by the evidence available.

Severe Impact

This policy and the proposal regarding the change to the functional floodplain classification will reduce the Island's long term viability.

Negative Financial and Insurance Consequences

I have been a permanent resident since [REDACTED], and I am now [REDACTED] years of age, and I can foresee that this proposed change will make it impossible for me to obtain insurance at a viable cost. My property has never flooded even before the Thames Barrier was built. This proposed change could ruin the unique place that the Island represents in the Borough of Richmond.

Lack of Proper Consultation

We have been given no voice in order to challenge this major change and there are no data supporting it.

A More Considered View

It would be better if the Island retained its Flood Zone 3a status which is factually and historically correct.

Conclusion

This Policy, were it to be implemented, would cause untold damage to its residents and the businesses on the Island. A more factually and historically correct Policy should be adopted. Many of the residents on the Island have lived here for a great many years and are advanced in age ie retired. Adopting this erroneous Policy would have a detrimental affect to their lives and would potentially prevent younger generations from being able to move into homes on the Island. This could mean that the unique Island way of life would inevitably die out.

I sincerely urge the Council to reject MM44 and to look for a more reasonable conclusion and solution.

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Yours faithfully

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