



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Councillor Bruce McDonald
Leader of the Council
Elmbridge Borough Council
Civic Centre, Esher
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20 June 2023

Dear Councillor McDonald,

Re: Public Spaces Protection Order

I am writing further to my letter dated 13 March to your predecessor, Councillor Chris Sadler, in response to Elmbridge Borough Council's (EBC) consultation on a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). I write in my capacity as Member of Parliament for Esher and Walton constituency.

In early 2023, I surveyed residents across Esher and Walton constituency, which largely occupies Elmbridge Borough. Overall, over 1,000 Elmbridge residents responded to my survey; over 850 of these are my constituents.

Please find my letter of 13 March to Councillor Sadler containing the survey results enclosed. I have been campaigning for a permanent solution to the removal of illegal moorings from Elmbridge since 2016. I am yet to receive a response from any Elmbridge Borough Councillor to this letter. Illegal moorings have been a blight along our riverbank for too long and the local strength of feeling is clear. This is not a problem that you, as the newly-elected Leader of the Council, can hide away from.

The joint Liberal Democrat and Residents' Association administration at EBC have previously written to me rejecting the need for a PSPO. I am pleased that EBC have now reversed that position and are consulting on the implementation of a PSPO to protect our riverbank.

I would be grateful if you could please take the views of some 850 Esher and Walton constituents into account and provide me with a clear plan for how you intend to tackle illegal moorings for good.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dominic Raab".