



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

By email.

Dear Councillor McDonald,

Re: Public Spaces Protection Order

I am writing further to my letter dated 20 June, and in response to Elmbridge Borough Council's (EBC) recent decision to hold a 'second consultation' on a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

This decision has been met with disappointment by my constituents. According to EBC, 88% of Elmbridge residents 'strongly agreed' with a PSPO to tackle illegal moorings in your recent consultation. In my 2023 illegal moorings survey, this percentage was even higher (98%).

Despite overwhelming support for a PSPO, you have decided to delay its implementation and hold a second consultation. This dither and delay will only embolden boat owners to continue to moor without permission on our riverbank.

I am writing to ask you to make the tackling of illegal moorings a council priority, and for a firm timeline for the speedy implementation of a PSPO to tackle this issue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dominic Raab".