

PLANNING REF : 260863
PROPERTY ADDRESS : River House
: River Terrace, Henley On Thames, South Oxfordshire
: RG9 1BG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Trevor Greenaway
DATE SUBMITTED : 06/10/2026

COMMENTS:

I am writing to request that the Council urgently investigates a large floating structure which has recently been installed on the River Thames adjacent to the property known as Bird Place, Henley-on-Thames.

The structure is substantial in size and appearance and resembles a large shed or building constructed on a floating platform. It is clearly visible from our property and has a very significant visual impact on the river and the surrounding area.

I have attached photographs taken from our home which demonstrate both the scale of the structure and its prominent position on the Thames.

My concerns are as follows:

- Scale and permanence: This is not, in appearance, an ordinary boat or conventional small river craft. It appears to be a substantial structure occupying a significant area of the river.
- Visual impact: It is highly prominent and materially changes the view across the river from neighbouring properties and from the river itself.
- Sensitive riverside setting: The location is a particularly prominent and visually sensitive part of the River Thames in Henley-on-Thames. The introduction of a structure of this size has a considerable impact on the character and appearance of the area.
- Planning status: I am unable to establish whether planning permission has been obtained for the structure or whether any application has been made.
- Other consents: Given its location within the River Thames, I would also be grateful if the Council could establish whether any other permissions or consents are required from the relevant river, navigation, environmental or flood-risk authorities.

I would therefore ask the Council to establish:

1. Whether planning permission is required for this structure;
2. Whether planning permission, a certificate of lawfulness, prior approval or any other planning consent has been applied for or granted;
3. Whether the structure is considered to constitute development for planning purposes;
4. Whether any planning conditions or restrictions apply to the site or mooring;
5. Whether the structure has the necessary permissions or consents from other relevant authorities; and
6. If the necessary permissions have not been obtained, whether the Council will open a formal planning-enforcement investigation.

I appreciate that the Council will need to consider the precise legal and planning status of the structure before reaching any

conclusion. My concern is simply that something of this scale and visual prominence appears to have been placed in the river without any obvious indication that the necessary planning process has taken place.

Given the exceptionally prominent location and the impact on the appearance of the river, I would be grateful if this could be treated as a formal planning-enforcement enquiry rather than simply a general planning question.

Please could you acknowledge receipt and provide me with a reference number for this enquiry. I would also be grateful if you could advise me of any planning application or enforcement reference associated with Bird Place or this structure.

I attach photographs showing the structure from our property.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Trevor Greenaway