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[REDACTED] Hampton Court station/Jolly Boatman
site planning applications

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The Government Office has now received a request to call in the planning applications to redevelop the Hampton Court station/Jolly Boatman site.

In your letter of 6 August to Elmbridge BC you stated that the revised scheme with a hotel designed by Quinlan and Francis Terry Architects (Application 2008/1600) "represents the most appropriate response to the site". However, in this letter you also notified the Council that you were "unconvinced" that the earlier scheme with a hotel by Allies and Morrison (Application 2007/2970) was "an appropriate response to this site and we are unable to support any application which included this building".

It would be helpful if you would let me know whether English Heritage's concerns are such that they would wish the Secretary of State to call in the Allies and Morrison scheme application for her own determination.

I understand that applications for both schemes are to be considered by the Elmbridge planning committee on 28 October, and the full Council, probably on 18 November.

One further point – I note that Historic Royal Palaces, in their letter of 14 August to the Council, expressed concern that the bulk and height of the hotels in both schemes would result in a detrimental visual impact on the setting of Hampton Court Palace. Given that the bulk and height of the hotels in both schemes are fairly similar, can you clarify why EH has taken a different view from Historic Royal Palaces on this question?

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