

Appendix B

Royal Holloway, University of London, in response to Runnymede Borough Council - Overview & Scrutiny Committee

28 March 2024

RH2030s strategy development

The University is in the early stages of developing its new strategy, RH2030s. There will be engagement opportunities for the local community which will be developed over the coming months.

Student numbers

The latest student number numbers (February 2024) show there were 12,195 full-time equivalent (FTE) students at Royal Holloway. 11,905 students FTE are based in Egham of which 38.1% were commuting to our Egham campus. These are students who are not in Halls of Residence and have a term time postcode that is located between 3-50km from our Egham campus.

The percentage of students commuting to campus has increased year on year.

Accommodation

For many students an important part of their university and student experience is to live, often for the first time, with friends in private housing locally, and develop important life skills as part of their student journey. As a university, we seek to support them in identifying suitable and good quality housing, with support via the Students' Union Advice Centre and our Community Wellbeing Support team. We run a Halls to Home campaign each summer term to help students as they make the transition from our halls of residence to private sector housing and commence early messaging about being a good neighbour and our expectations of students living locally. Where students choose to live in purpose-built student accommodation the University's Residences and Student Life teams have positive relationships with local providers to also support this transition, and to ensure a joined up approach to supporting our students and enabling them to access support with any challenges they may face.

There are no plans to provide Royal Holloway student accommodation further afield. We continue to review all our options for the development of new student accommodation and the upgrade of our existing student accommodation in future.

The University will continue to update the community on plans to develop its historic estate through the Royal Holloway and Runnymede Group Forum meetings, the Community Matters newsletter and on the local community pages of its website.