

## Appendix A

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Dear Sarah and Tracy

Thank you for engaging with Runnymede Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee by providing answers to the Committee's questions on various aspects of Royal Holloway University.

The Committee met on 1 February 2024 and discussed your response in the overall context of the Committee's work programme on Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). Whilst it was acknowledged that the university was currently in a state of flux around its new strategy, there was some concern there was the prospect of that uncertainty leading to rumours of misunderstanding with residents, and my councillor colleagues were keen to start conversations with the university at an early stage.

With that in mind, the Committee would like to extend an invitation to you to attend its next meeting, taking place at 7:30pm on Thursday 28 March 2024 at the Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone. It is anticipated that the item on HMOs will commence at around 8:30pm.

A list of questions that Committee members have come up with in light of your previous response is below, and this is likely to be the theme for any discussion. Alternatively, if you would prefer to provide a written response to the questions posed, please could these be emailed to [Andrew.Finch@runnymede.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Finch@runnymede.gov.uk) by Monday 18 March 2024.

### Questions

- How many students are registered to attend the Egham Campus and how many of them are likely to be commuting to the Egham Campus (The figures provided in recent response include student numbers for London, Bedford Square site, which might skew the figures to show higher percentage of public transport users)?
- What is the hypothesis for stating the current 39% of students who currently commute is likely to 'increase over the course of the next strategy'?
- Please clarify what 'engagement opportunities for the local community' will be offered regarding RH2030s or if this will only be through the Royal Holloway & Runnymede Forum meetings.
- Does RHUL have any aspiration to provide accommodation to 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> year and graduate students? Or is the expectation that these will be housed in privately operated purpose-built student accommodation and as private renters in the local community?

- Would the University consider providing potential new RHUL operated student accommodation further afield than Egham and Englefield Green with a shuttle transport system?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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