

**Our reference:** COM471827492

**Application number:** 2022/3525

**Application address:** Sundial House, The Molesey Venture, Orchard Lane, East Molesey, KT8 0BN

**Name:** Mr Furner

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**Comment type:** You object to the planning application

**Date of comment:** 14 Dec 2022

**Comment:** I would like to object to the proposed development. I am writing to give a voice to the wildlife which will be severely impacted.

I am a local wildlife photographer and have spent a lot of time observing and photographing the wildlife along the small section of the river Ember which the proposed building B will be directly adjacent to.

Kingfishers actively use this section of the river and I have numerous photos demonstrating this. I have, for example, photographed courting behaviour between a male and a female. This suggests that there will be a nest site somewhere in the vicinity. Kingfishers have the highest degree of legal protection under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

On this section of the river I have also seen herons, little egrets, foxes and a mink/otter. I have also heard owls calling out from the rest of the proposed development site. I would imagine these are tawny owls. It is obviously an important section of the river for fish too.

I hope these concerns are taken into account when the application is assessed. The construction phase of the development, and the resulting development itself, will have a devastating effect on the local wildlife and biodiversity.