Dear Mr Patch

I am writing to support the appeal reference 2208764 and request you overturn West Berkshire Council's refusal of application 13/00575/OUT for asmall Thames Heritage Museum at Beale Park.

We are in danger of losing some of the important River Thames Heritage for ever if a suitable location cannot be built to preserve and display it.

West Berks LPA has not followed Government guidelines for treatment of an outline planning application.

West Berks LPA seems to/appears to decide on an application  in private and then shape a supporting case rather than assessing it fairly whilst encouraging public consultation.

West Berks LPA seems to be treating the Goring Gap Boat Club application 13/01876 very differently to application 13/00575.

West Berks LPA seems to have done all they can to prevent public debate on this application.

West Berks LPA appear to have told local councillors that there was insufficient information in the application to allow it to be taken to committee but not told them that they were preventing that information from being supplied.

Why did West Berks LPA change the wording on their web site the day before the deadline for public comments so as to render 50 letters of support inapplicable to the planning process?

I understand two of the reasons for rejection have been withdrawn and wonder why they were cited in the first place only to be withdrawn at a later stage. It appears that the Tree officer who raised a third objection now refuses to look at the extra information he originally requested. Is this professional behaviour? The fourth objection goes against the Councils own screening advice of the 1st May 2013 in which the Development Control Manager Gary Rayner stated that, after consultation, it was decided that an environmental impact Survey was not required even though the site was sensitively located.

I also believe an independent review of the management of the LPA may be in order given what has occurred on this application to date

Yours Sincerely