

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 18/0549/FUL

Address: Chalkers Corner Junction At Junction Of Lower Richmond Rd South Circ And Clifford Avenue Richmond

Proposal: APPLICATION C: Reconfiguration of Chalkers Corner traffic junction, to include existing public highway and existing landscaped and informal parking area associated to Chertsey Court, to facilitate alterations to lane configuration, a new cycle lane, works to existing pedestrian and cycle crossing, soft landscaping and replacement boundary treatment to Chertsey Court.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment:

Chertsey Court Reconfiguration

I object firstly, to the proposal to reconfigure the layout of Chertsey Court. Secondly, as a member of the general public and rate payer, that I am perceived stupid enough to believe that widening Lower Richmond Road, at one of the two bottlenecks to make an extra lane to provide extra space for six/nine cars turning left will make a scrap of difference to the overall congestion. The notion that the provision of an extra lane at the junction would speed up the flow and allow for the added influx of local traffic to move freely; If it wasn't so ridiculous it would be laughable! To accommodate an extra lane, it requires the removal of visually attractive trees that serve as a lung for the immediate area which does already exceed the legal levels of air pollution. It would be an act of vandalism to sacrifice the visual and beneficial green

lung area, to make space for an extra lane of traffic that will inevitably sit and wait at the lights causing more pollution.

The scheme will not work! It can't, traffic light priority is given to the two arterial roads which the reconfiguration scheme meets. All that will happen is another six cars, possibly nine, will have to sit and wait for the lights at the junction of Clifford Avenue [on the other side of the scheme] to change. As one of those lanes is for traffic to turn right in the Kew direction it would inevitably back up and block the access to turn right for cars waiting at the new configuration - which is what happens now. As a local resident I am painfully aware of the traffic volumes along the stretch of Lower Richmond Road and call for common sense to prevail. The proposed reconfiguration will not work, it's a waste of time and money, it will ruin a nice-looking corner, presently sheltering the flats of Chertsey Court from the high volumes of traffic, noise and carcinogenic pollution.