

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.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: Objection to design
the proposed minimum of landscaped open space falls below the Planning Brief;

Objection on basis of increased traffic and lack of public transport provision

A substantial increase in residential cars, school, commercial use and visitors to the cinema and hotel will increase congestion to the point of gridlock. The roads in the area are regularly gridlocked due to South Circular and Great Chertsey Road surrounding Mortlake, Barnes and Sheen, a further 500 cars plus visitors to the site, would increase pollution and gridlock and have a detrimental impact on health. There does not appear to be any strategic plan between the Council, the developer and TFL to address these wider traffic concerns and the resulting air and noise pollution;

there are existing safety issues and further congestion at the Mortlake crossings and there is no concrete plan to address these between the interested parties

the developers plans include major road works at Chalkers Corner aimed they claim at improving traffic

movements at peak hours. This is not conclusive and may in fact attract further through traffic thus increasing congestion. However even more significantly it severely impacts the quality of life of Chertsey Court and adjacent residents. There is no evidence of an intergrated transport strategy or improvement to these services.

Objection on basis of loss of green space

Mortlake whilst in a green borough has only a small amount of open green space of which the brewery playing fields represent 53%. The playing fields have protection under the classification of "Other Open Land of Townscape Importance" (OOLTI)

Some OOLTI is lost on both the brewery site and at Chertsey Court and has not been adequately re-provided. Two grass playing fields are replaced with one artificial surface playing field with lights reducing the area available for sports use and detrimental to the environment. Building on green assets rather than wholly on the brownfield area of the site, runs contrary to the London Plan, draft London Plan, draft Local Plan, Adopted Development Master Plan, National Planning Policy Framework, Village Plan for Mortlake and the APB. In addition an area on the green playing fields has been "reserved" for bus turnaround should the need arise, if acted upon this would further reduce green space.

Objection on environmental grounds; Chertsey Court, the proposals to change the junction at Chalkers Corner will have a devastating impact on Chertsey Court residents: increased poor air quality due to increased traffic generation; it already exceeds EU pollution limits; increased noise and disturbance; loss of OOLTI which is protected land and so removal contravenes planning policy; loss of mature trees. In addition the increased traffic, i.e., permanent gridlock which would result if these proposals were to go ahead would have a detrimental impact on air quality across Mortlake and Barnes, which in turn would have a detrimental impact on health of all residents and local school children.

In summary the cumulative scale and sheer density of the current proposals will lead to traffic between Barnes and Richmond grinding to a halt and make life intolerable for this community, with impact on health, safety (the Sheen Lane crossing already has one of the worst safety records in London) and the environment.