

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: I am horrified to see the proposal to remove part of the property I live in and shift / widen Chalkers Corner into Lower Richmond Road. The pollution and noise from this junction is already unacceptable, with pollution way in excess of the legal limit (70% above the limit). The developers and Council should be looking to discourage vehicular traffic down Lower Richmond Road and focus their attentions / efforts on provision of public transport and better use of the by-pass roads.

Chertsey Court is council property so I would suggest this has been chosen as an easy target, if this were 100% privately owned, the idea of removing the green area and fully developed trees that provide residents protection from pollution and traffic noise, would not be entertained. It is also shocking that Richmond Housing Partnership (RHP) have apparently already been in discussion with the developers on this proposal, as confirmed by the developers at the exhibition. RHP must have intimated they are open to this proposal, without any communication or consultation with residents in Chertsey Court, otherwise the developers wouldn't have it in their plans. Outrageous.

I can assure you that the current noise from traffic, revving engines, beeping of horns and pollution (in excess of the legal limit) is far more of a disturbance than planes, and the proposal to encourage more traffic through Lower Richmond Road, bring the traffic closer to the flats and worsen this situation is very, very concerning.

Also, to chop down fully grown trees, which afford protection from noise and pollution and replace them with small, young trees that will take 20 +years to fully grow and provide the same protection is unacceptable.

The advance of Chalker's corner into the estate is unacceptable. I do not want any communal parts of Chertsey Court to be sold, leased or transferred.

With the new plans, I have no idea how I will get in and out of the estate, which already takes 10mins+ at peak traffic times, as traffic queues and congestion will significantly increase.

The summary provided by the developers on flow of traffic from this change, is a classic case of 'lies, damn lies and statistics'. The developers own estimates on the impact on traffic times/journeys, shows almost half of the roads/journeys would increase in congestion and time taken. The overall traffic impact is very mixed; they have only highlight what they allege are the 'positive' points in their proposal. I simply don't believe their assertions on any improvement in traffic flow along Lower Richmond Road, where do they suggest the traffic is going to go, into / out of the widened junction, when all the other roads in the surrounding area remain as is?

There has been insufficient focus on the public transport infrastructure and this must be revisited rather than proposing to widen roads, encroach on existing residential areas and increase vehicular traffic and pollution.