

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

Name: Mr Michael Keefe

Address: 119 Lower Richmond Road Mortlake London SW14 7HX

Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: From: Mike Keefe 119 Lower Richmond Road, SW14 7HX

Rejection of the Chalkers' Corner Planning Proposal

Part 1 of 4 Objections

See below my personal opposition to the planning submission

1) Parking & Bus Stops

The residents of Lower Richmond Road have limited parking along the Lower Richmond Road and within the lay-by at Chalkers Corner. We have no real alternatives. The Brewery development will only bring more vehicles into the area massively increasing the pressure on parking to unacceptable levels.

Developer's proposal and impact:

There are only 20 spaces along this road for 30 houses so space is already at a premium. The current proposal shows a new full bus stop which will result in a loss of 6 - 7 parking spaces. There is no provision for the replacement of these lost spaces within the plan. This full bus stop I vehemently oppose. The impact will be a reduced quality of life and safety for all residents along the road particularly for elderly

and families with small children. In addition, this will bring increased parking pressure on neighbouring roads.

Proposal:

I would like to see a full and rigorous review of the parking along LRR from Kingsway to Chalker's corner to include:

- A. the introduction of a residents-only protected parking scheme for only residents living along the southside of the Lower Richmond Road and the lay-by.
- B. the removal and/or relocation of the temporary East/West bus stop nearest Chalker's Corner
- C. the introduction of more parking along Lower Richmond Road towards Chalker's corner and near the Kingsway / LRR intersection for LRR residents.

Rationale:

A. Residents Only Protected Parking

The introduction of a residents-only protected parking scheme will prohibit Chertsey Court residents, Medi-Vet customers, random parkers and in future any of the increased populace from the Brewery Site development from parking along this section of the Lower Richmond Road. This will at least maintain and protect our current parking arrangements.

B. Removal and/or relocation of temporary East/West Bus Stop Relocation

To counter the developer's proposal, I am proposing the East West bus stop be positioned in front of the newsagents on the corner of Lower Richmond Road and Kingsway. The zig-zags currently in place in front of the newsagents can be reduced from the current 6 to 4 (according the 1997 Zebra Crossing legislation) which will provide enough room for a full bus stop. If this bus is too close to the Rosemary lane bus stop then the Rosemary Lane bus stop should be removed. Although this will mean access for the East West buses for Chertsey Court and Lower Richmond Road residents would move about 100m, it will have the following huge benefits.

1. Much improved safety for many residents and future students as a full bus stop with better access near to a zebra crossing has to be better than the developer's current proposal.
2. Greater access as the pavement in front of the newsagents and shops is large making it possible for a full shelter to be installed whilst not inhibiting others walking along this area. This creates a safer and more user-friendly experience for the community.
3. Traffic flows nearer the junction will be improved as there will be no stopped buses
4. Safer as no malicious vehicle overtaking will happen near the junctions as a result of stopped buses near this very busy junction
5. Existing parking can remain and even extended providing a vital benefit to all residents. See illustration of possible improved positioning.
6. Lower litter pollution as rubbish accumulating in front of residents houses will be eliminated
7. Reduced air pollution nearest to homes as there will be no more idling buses directly in front of houses
8. Reduced noise pollution from the idling buses and the vehicle queuing behind.