

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

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Rejection of the Chalkers' Corner Planning Proposal

Part 2, 3, & 4 of 4

See below my continued personal opposition to the planning submission

2) Traffic, Congestion and Pollution

The current congestion is unacceptable and with the increased populace resulting from the Brewery Development the situation will only get worse and reject any increase in traffic to the area.

Air pollution levels are already above UK and EU acceptable levels and stand to increase as a result of the Brewery Development. The proposal does not address these issues and widening the road only allows for more idling cars / buses / lorries thus increasing the pollution to killing levels. I have no solution other than to oppose any increase in traffic.

Noise pollution levels are very high as the congestion causes frustration amongst drivers (horns, shouting, engine revving etc.) and the introduction of more lanes will mean idling engine noise is set to increase. I

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The speed at which driver travel along the road when it is not congested is unacceptable and propose that a traffic calming scheme and introduction of a 20 mph speed limit be introduced which will make the road safer and reduce noise pollution

3) Bike Lanes

The current proposal of a bike lane which extends from the end of the proposed bus stop for approximately 40 meters is derisory. This is not a practical bike lane and represents the developer either their mis-understanding the issue or their indifference to the real issue we all face which is speedy bikers on the pavement. In defence of bike riders, the LRR is very narrow for vehicles and bikers to share once they get past the newsagents near Kingsway. Putting a small lane at the end of LRR will not do anything to move the bikers off the pavement. What is needed is a bike lane along the whole stretch of road from Kingsway to Chalker's corner.

Moreover, what is also needed is a bike lane on the opposite side (West East route) for the same distance as I have personally witnessed two bikers being knocked off their bikes as this stretch of road gets very crowded with vehicles vying for every inch of space.

In addition, a bike calming scheme on the pavements all along the Lower Richmond Road should be introduced to lessen the likelihood of bikers travelling at speed along the pavement.

The current proposal is unacceptable and more needs to be done as expressed above.

4) Green issues

I believe that no one really wants to see the removal of any of the greenery along our road. My proposal is that any trees / greenery removed will need to be replaced/relocated so the net loss of trees is zero. In addition, the overall landscaping should be greatly enhanced along the road to minimise the overall affect of the widening of the junction. Some green grass near the Chertsey Court brick wall may have to be sacrificed as a result of new road layouts which I accept.