

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: The redevelopment of the Brewery site presents a great opportunity to re-establish a heart and focal point in Mortlake. While there are positives in the design presented by the developer, there are four main areas of concern which, if not addressed, will have a detrimental impact on the existing and new residents:

- The cumulative density of the site is overwhelming. It seems a product of greed. Why so any new dwellings that will put an outrageous strain on an already congested area?
- The local infrastructure cannot accommodate the increase in traffic. The traffic is already terrible most days
- There is no strategy for improving the public transportation to help alleviate the situation and importantly, no plan to address the issues of the level-crossing.
- Inadequate re-provision of the protected land – the playing fields and the Chertsey Court land. Mature trees will be chopped down and limited green space removed.

This application and size of development needs to be viewed in the context of the physical barriers (the river Thames and the railway line) and the poor level of public transport that serves the community. These are important limiting factors that cannot be ignored.

The proposals to change the junction at Chalker's Corner, which offers limited transport benefit, will move the traffic closer to the residents. This will have a devastating impact on Chertsey Court residents:

- Increased poor air quality and pollution due to increased traffic generation; it already exceeds EU pollution limits
- Increased noise and disturbance
- Loss of 'Other Open Land of Townscape Importance' (OOLTI) protected land contravenes planning policy
- Loss of mature trees

The Chalker's Corner changes will not resolve the issue of increased traffic. The developer's plans include major road works at Chalker's Corner, aimed they claim, at improving traffic movements at peak hours. This is far from conclusive and may indeed simply attract further through traffic.