

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 writing as Planning Advisor to the Mortlake with East Sheen Society (MESS), the local civic society founded in 1969 and containing some 400 members. MESS has supported the Mortlake Brewery Community Group (MBCG) since January 2016 when news came through that the site had been sold. The MESS chairman and other committee members have attended all public meetings hosted by the MBCG, and MBCG committee members have in turn made presentations to meetings hosted by MESS. MESS is wholly in agreement with the current representation being made by the MBCG on the planning application for the Brewery redevelopment as a whole and our comments on this are under separate cover.

With regard to the proposed reconfiguration of Chalkers Corner MESS is of the view that the resultant increased capacity will merely attract latent demand and traffic will very soon reach the same saturation level seen today. It is not going to solve the traffic problem, bus services will not benefit, and the residents of Chertsey Court will be exposed to loss of trees and garden space, which have been designated as Other Open Land of Townscape Importance (OOLTI), and an increase in traffic noise and air pollution.

In our opinion the development proposed is refusable for reasons of non-compliance with the following key policies contained in the Council's Local Plan:

(1) DM OS3 and LP14 - OOLTI protection

(2) DM TP1 and LP44 - the overall development is too dense for a PTAL2 zone, hence too much traffic and associated air pollution and too little public transport (bus). The proposed reconfiguration is not going to solve this problem.