Reference: FS27947862

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 18/0549/FUL

Address: Chalkers Corner Junction At Junction Of Lower Richmond Rd South Circ AndClifford AvenueRichmond

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: Dear Ms Thatcher,

This is a perfectly appalling application and should be dismissed out of hand.

It may provide a temporary alleviation to traffic at this one spot, but at what cost?

1. It will undoubtedly encourage more rat-running through Mortlake and Barnes, making traffic worse rather than better there, even without the additional traffic expected from the Brewery site.

2. It will cause the loss of a number of mature trees.

3. It will steal land from Chertsey Court. and protected open space from the rest of us.

4. It will bring pollution (which already exceeds EU limits) closer to the inhabitants of Chertsey Court, hastening their deaths, and reducing the value of the properties they inhabit.

5. It makes no improvement whatsoever to conditions for cyclists or pedestrians at this junction, contrary to LBRuT guidelines.

I can only think that it has been put forward as a red herring to draw your attention away from the fact

that no attempt has been made to mitigate the effect that traffic from the new buildings on the Brewery site will undoubtedly have on the Sheen Lane Level Crossing. This is currently closed for more than 40 minutes in the hour at peak times, and has been already accepted as extremely dangerous by Network Rail. Let Reselton fund or part-fund an underpass there (difficult and expensive, but not impossible) and leave Chalker's Corner to TfL and the major reconstruction that will certainly be needed sooner or later rather than a scheme that may or may not provide a short term and only local improvement in traffic movement, but will undoubtedly do more harm than good to the inhabitants of Mortlake in general and Chertsey Court in particular.

I would also ask if Reselton and Peter Brett have considered the possibility of a slip road off the northbound A316 beyond the Chalker's Corner junction to bring bicycles, and possibly even cars, on to their site through the unused arch at the south end of Chiswick Bridge?

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