

## 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 wish to object to applications 18/0547/FUL/, 18/0548/FUL, 18/0549/FUL

The site is rich in potential. It already has a powerful sense of place (which comes from the closeness of the tidal river, the industrial scale of the Maltings, and the village-like domestic buildings on the other side of the Ship Lane slipway). Because the walled off brewery has acted as a highly effective barrier between the local community and the Thames, its redevelopment has the potential to reconnect the whole existing community with the river as well as Richmond Park, to provide a focus that's always been lacking, and to provide a range of amenities, such as a cinema, that ought to be at the centre of this community, but haven't been.

Given such opportunities, and the length of time spent on marketing, presentation and consultation exercises, these proposals are deeply disappointing. Central issues like scale, density and building typology are addressed with patronising crudeness. Specific issues, such as heavy through traffic, or what to do with the school, seem not much more resolved than on the early drafts.

Their common factor is inadequacy of design. Architects can and do now produce environments where the relationship between new and existing buildings and the variety of urban spaces between them are carefully scaled and thought through. Good design can go a long way to resolve the tension between the density required by the developer and the environmental requirements of the site.

With regard to the quality of both exterior spaces and individual buildings the architecture on offer here is generic, dated, and falls well below the standard that should be demanded for a development of this size and importance.