

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: THIS NOTICE IS TO ADVISE THAT AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THE PRINCIPAL CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS: DESIGN REVISIONS FURTHER AND REVISED INFORMATION 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: With regard to the Stag Brewery redevelopment (Application C) I am writing to formally OBJECT to the proposals, and I have outlined below the reasons by topic for this objection:

1. CAR PARKING, TRAFFIC GENERATION, & ROAD SAFETY

The hybrid application proposals include two vast car parking basements that are totally incongruous to the suburban character of Mortlake. These are excessive urban parking solutions that are unsustainable, wasteful in terms of resources, and disruptive in terms of construction and the cart-away of spoil from site. The residential and commercial parking ratio is excessively high for a development in this location that won't even be fully occupied for 5-10 years. The basements should be omitted from the proposals and any parking requirements should be accommodated on street with a management strategy, with residents of the development obliged to sign up to a car free regime.

There is a real opportunity for the Stag Brewery site to become an exemplar of London sustainable high density living, and adopt a 'zero car parking' regime.

Presently there are already regular substantial congestion problems along Lower Richmond Road, Sheen Lane and Mortlake High Street. Heavy road traffic often queues up along the length of Lower Richmond Road from Chalkers Corner junction 750m eastwards into Mortlake High Street and beyond. This leads to idling vehicle engines impacting on air quality, noise, slowing of bus services, and general inconvenience to the local community and economy. These problems will be significantly exacerbated by the high parking ratios within the development creating further highways problems for the future.

The application has a genuine opportunity to be a trailblazer in London as a walking community, encouraging health and wellbeing for all. Instead of creating two vast and expensive parking basements some of this capital cost could be invested in creating a neighbourhood cycling network.

2. AIR QUALITY

There are already major concerns about air quality in Mortlake with high levels of traffic experienced along Lower Richmond Road. The London Mayor and TFL are promoting cleaner air across London. The Mayor's Air Quality Fund could have a role to play in transforming this area as an exemplar to London for clean air living. Mortlake, and this development, could also be championed as one of the Mayor's future Low Emission Neighbourhoods (LEN).

3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The current applications evidently prioritises car travel over public transport.

I would urge that application C be REFUSED at Planning Committee and that the applicant take the opportunity to consider the groundswell of local community opinion and redesign the proposals to create an exemplar of London riverside placemaking that also enhances the quality of environment for all neighbouring residents.