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: THIS NOTICE IS TO ADVISE THAT AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THE PRINCIPAL CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:DESIGN REVISIONSFURTHER AND REVISED INFORMATIONAPPLICATION 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: The GLA comments indicate that "further highways impact modelling and a Healthy Streets assessment of the Chalker's Corner proposals are required. Financial contributions to bus service improvements, and conditions and planning obligations are also required." In response the developer's Transport Assessment Addendum reports that TfL has evidently now approved the modelling and Health Streets assessment of the Chalker's Corner proposal; it has also agreed the bus strategy including costs and asked for cycle parking which has since been achieved; and that Network Rail has agreed to improvements to the footbridge including signage, moving bollards back in North and South Worple Way and setting back vehicle stop lines. As mentioned above, we have not been party to these discussions, we have not seen any comments from these statutory consultees on-line on the Council's website and we reserve our comments on these aspects until we do so.

Until then we remain of the view that the proposed realignment of Lower Richmond Road at Chalker's Corner junction will simply attract more cars and will fill up in no time while other bottlenecks in the area, notably the Sheen Lane level crossing, will simply generate longer tailbacks as a result. We also remain of the view that the loss of trees and OOLTI at Chalker's Corner will have a devastating impact on the residents of Chertsey Court in terms of noise and air pollution as well as landtake from its front gardens which have OOLTI status.

Finally, did TfL approve the modelling of Chalker's Corner before or after the closure of Hammersmith Bridge in April? It was surely before? We are of the view that the modelling of Chalker's Corner needs to be tested alongside all possible options for the re-opening of Hammersmith Bridge. The whole of Mortlake and East Sheen is currently plagued with major traffic problems while the bridge remains closed. Residents here are experiencing blight – those who are thinking of moving are unable to sell their properties. The Brewery site is served by Lower Richmond Road which is gridlocked for much of the day and we wonder if the site will ever be reasonably accessible while the bridge remains closed.

In view of the above our objection remains and we continue to recommend refusal on the same grounds as before, vis.

(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.