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From: Amanda Letch [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2019 14:40
To: StagBreweryRedevelopment
Subject: MAKING REPRESENTATIONS

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I therefore write to share my views with the planning department...

Dear Sirs,
Ref: Former Stag Brewery Site - Neighbour Consultation
18/0547/FUL 18/0548/FUL18/0549/FUL

- ✓ I wish to confirm my support for application A, ref number 18/0547/FUL.
- ✓ I wish to confirm my support for Application C, ref number 18/0549/FUL.
- ✓ I wish to confirm my **objection** to the proposal relating to the secondary school – Application B, ref number 18/0548/FUL for the following reasons:

- The numbers presented as evidence of need for a secondary school are out of date – the demographics are fast changing in the area – the data presented to Cabinet which resulted in the School Place Planning Strategy 2015-2024 was revised in October 2015, and reviewed in 2018, but there are too many inconsistencies in the numbers (eg 88% take up in borough as a whole, but no take up data specifically from the Mortlake / Barnes / Sheen / Eastern borough area).
- Local primary schools in the area are reducing in size due to the change in demographics – Darrell School, Nelson School and Lowther School (under discussion).
- Current secondary school provision could be expanded in the local area, at Richmond Park Academy (RPA) and at Christ's – funding mechanisms are available to the Council via the developer as outlined in April 2019 Guidance from the Department of Education. I understand that RPA is not at full capacity, and therefore would query a cogent reason for a further secondary – opening a new secondary in vicinity of an existing secondary with capacity undercuts the Department for Education's own policy approach.
- The loss of the existing sports fields is in direct contravention of the Planning Brief. The protected sports fields are designated as 'Other Open Land of Townscape Importance (OOLTI) and should be making for community use. The fields also represent important visual Townscape resource for local residents and the wider community.
- The original planning brief stated primary provision – there has been no consultation over the change from primary to secondary.
- The introduction of a secondary school will add to the local access pressures and will exacerbate safety risks at the Mortlake level crossing, with a high percentage of secondary pupils likely to be making the crossing without parental supervision.
- If the Council reverted to the original brief – primary provision – the smaller footprint would allow land to be returned to the developers for increased amounts of affordable housing / open space.
- One potential strategy which involves primary school provision might be to move the already 'outstanding' Thomson House School, which would have benefits for all:
 - Less building mass on new site. Many local objectors are concerned with the density of the development;
 - Retention of playing field for school / community use;

- The ESFA could raise significant funds by disposing of current assets in Vernon Road;
- Richmond Borough could raise significant funds by developing the THS site on Sheen Lane for residential use;
- It has already been established that the developer is prepared to absorb construction costs of new school premises, thereby nil construction costs to ESFA;
- Safer school site for Mortlake children;
- SEN unit could be accommodated within the new premises for THS;
- An 'outstanding' site which reflects the success of Thomson House School in the local community.

In summary, an opportunity exists here, to reset the success of Thomson House School on a bespoke site. I urge you to consider, debate and direct the above.

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