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From: Stephen Ferns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 07 July 2019 16:56
To: StagBreweryRedevelopment
Subject: 18/0547/FUL

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Next, there is the prospect of expansion at Heathrow. If/when that happens. I hope it doesn't, but hoping gets you nowhere. Imagine a circumstance when both the Stag Brewery redevelopment *and* Heathrow expansion occur at the same time. Unlikely? Says who? And let's have Hammersmith Bridge still closed while all this is going on.

My best-case scenario for the brewery redevelopment would be if a dedicated, temporary bridge were constructed across the Thames, just down-stream from Chiswick Bridge to service the demolition/construction. Call the Royal Engineers. They'll have that sorted over a weekend. Maybe get them to do the same at Hammersmith. Otherwise, all local roads will be little more than car parks, full of angry motorists and other road users, few of whom will derive any benefit from the redevelopment. And if the infrastructure that's in place now is inadequate, let's then imagine the consequences of so many more residents coming into Mortlake with their cars.

Otherwise, everyone in the East Sheen, Mortlake and the relevant fringes of Barnes and Richmond will be virtual prisoners in their homes, wholly reliant on feet/bicycles and Southwestern Railway to get anywhere.

I also heard a rumour that the level crossing on Sheen Lane might be closed permanently because of the redevelopment. If so, thanks for that.

I hope all interested parties get nice and rich from the redevelopment. But I fail to see how the proposals will benefit anyone who lives in SW14 now, and we're the ones who'll have to put up with all the chaos, probably for years.

Yours sincerely,

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