London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Development Management Neighbour Consultation

22 July 2019

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- a) Architectural merits
- b) Density
- c) Resultant traffic problems.

I will leave others to comment on the first two negatives. I wish to concentrate on the last point only.

It will always be difficult to 'square the circle 'with the proximity of the South Circular, one of the key crossing points over the Thames at Chiswick Bridge, and the busy railway passing through Mortlake Station. And we are further experiencing the problems in our area by the closure of Hammersmith Bridge.

It is a problem that needs vision and an expansive imaginative mind to overcome.

While I appreciate the merits of our architectural heritage, it is still necessary to question the sensibility of preserving the hotel site at the junction of Mortlake High Street. Is it really worth it. Without this obstacle there would be so many more traffic circulation options available to consider.

Furthermore what is the merit of Mortlake Green remaining at its current site? Could it not be relocated to another position on The Stag Brewery site, opening up the river front, availing ourselves of a much more attractive vista and children's play area away from air pollution. In this way The Green would be open to a better flow of traffic.

Clearly the developers of the Stag Brewery are not able to expand outside their boundary so is this not a time when Richmond Council could work with them, show vision for the betterment of the area and for a resolution that would cope with traffic of the 21 century and be cost effective in the long run.

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