

May 10th 2018



The Head of Development Management,

LBRUT

Dear Sir,

Stag Brewery Site: Applications 18/0547/FUL, 18/0548/FUL, 18/0549/FUL

We wish to make 3 objections to the above proposals, as follows. You will have received similar comments from very many other residents, but as you need to be aware of the strength of local anxieties, we are expressing our own, however repetitiously.

1. The density of the proposed development is unacceptable. This is a very important and prominent site, and it should not be overloaded with living units.
2. As seems to be universally recognised, the overcrowding of the neighbouring roads, and the unmanageable consequences for Sheen Lane and the Mortlake level crossing, will make the lives of all of us who live and walk about and drive in the area significantly more difficult and, possibly, more dangerous. The Chalkers Corner 'reconfiguration' is wholly inadequate as a solution to the real-life possibility of thousands of people - residents, school-teachers, pupils, visitors - regularly arriving at and leaving from the site. Councillors will be aware already of the growing problems of traffic management in the area, as drivers use sat-navs to negotiate a wider and wider complex of residential roads. Our own road has been assured by the Council of action to relieve the increasing rat-running we now suffer: we simply can't absorb more traffic generated locally to add to the stresses of the through-traffic now plaguing us.
3. Application A alludes, in the detailed application, to the provision of a hotel, a cinema and a gym. It further includes, in the outline application, the provision of a nursing and care home. The Planning Committee will need to reassure itself that these projects have some basis in reality. Are there likely to be potential business-people willing to own or manage a hotel, a cinema or a gym on this site? Care homes are going through difficult financial times these days, and it might be a problem actually to make that provision a reality. If it turned out that the care home - or even the hotel, cinema and gym - were, sadly, not after all feasible, the only viable solution might be a subsequent application to turn that area of the development into yet more flats.

We, like all residents in the area, wish to see this barren site made productive and alive again. But we'd like it to be in a mode which doesn't over-exploit the site, and doesn't make our movement around Mortlake and East Sheen significantly more difficult and hazardous.

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