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For the attention of Richmond upon Thames Environment Directorate, and Planning Committee

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The comments I make below are relevant to all three applications.

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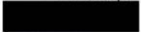
- the scale of urban development (height, density of buildings) in what is essentially a suburban community;
- number of dwellings and subsequent (estimate) 40% increase in population and consequent impact on local amenities eg primary medical services, childcare provision etc;
- the loss of precious green spaces - in particular the sports ground - that are well used as a community resource - for sports, for fairs etc.

I am also concerned about the massive impact the proposed re-development will have on already congested road transport links - not just Chalkers Corner, but also the Sheen Lane crossing, South Circular through East Sheen, Mortlake High St and along the river into Barnes - all places where there is regular gridlock). Increased traffic - both during construction and afterwards - will potentially worsen the already poor air quality in Mortlake.

With no detail yet available on the proposed composition of the residential elements within the scheme, it is difficult to comment, but I would be extremely disappointed if the developers were allowed to:

- reduce the affordable element set out by the Council in the 2011 Planning Brief - we need as a borough to be able to attract the key workers on which the community relies (police and emergency services; teachers; NHS staff; council workers)
- focus on potential purchasers from the wealthiest part of the UK community and/or overseas investors - as has been seen with other Thames-side developments - rather than on the families who bring life to a neighbourhood.

I will be very disappointed if the issues raised by residents, and ably articulated by the Mortlake Brewery Community Group and its Love Mortlake Campaign, are not listened to by our Borough planners and Council members. Our concerns should be your concerns. With goodwill on all sides (Council, community and developers) we can make a real success of the site, avoiding an ugly blot on the landscape and enhancing the community which we cherish.



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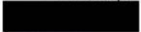
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