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Subject: Planning applications for the Stag Brewery Mortlake

Dear Martin

Re: planning application for the Stag Brewery site (nos: 18/0547/FUL; 18/0548/FUL; 18/0549FUL)

I would like register my opposition to the proposed development of the site at the former Stag Brewery in Mortlake. We live at 81 Lower Richmond Road SW14 and will be seriously and directly affected by the proposed development.

The number of new dwellings proposed for the site is too many. The site itself is constrained by the river, the railway line and the other main roads in the area (particularly the A316 and the SCR at this end of Mortlake). Traffic has always been heavy in Mortlake and particularly along the Lower Richmond Road – but the recent closure of Hammersmith Bridge has added considerably to congestion.

Any development at Mortlake has to take full account of these transport and congestion constraints. The planning proposals are deficient because:

- They allow too many parking spaces within the development and would encourage new residents to use and rely on their cars. Many towns and cities are moving towards a car-free environment: they are responding to the climate emergency, they want to reduce air pollution, and they are creating a better living environment for people. It is strange that this proposal goes in entirely the opposite direction, and would lock-in car dependency, congestion and poor air quality for a generation.
- Proposals to widen the road at Chalkers Corner (together with the removal of greenery in front of Chertsey Court) would be ghastly. The road is unpleasant enough as it is – but please don't make it worse with these changes.
- The public transport proposals are insufficient. Mortlake now has only 4 trains per hour (along with very poor reliability and punctuality) and there are no commitments for the number to be increased. Bus frequency is also very poor (only the 419 goes all the way through Mortlake). The level crossing creates a bottle neck in the middle of Mortlake which would only get worse with the new development.
- Proposals for helping people to use their bikes are effectively non-existent. We need well-built cycleways to help us get around – and this includes through and around the new site.

I would really like to see sustainable development of the Stag Brewery site. But any development has to be made based on a realistic assessment of the needs and constraints of the site. A development at this scale can only be

made with the proper planning for the transport requirements of both existing and new residents. Thinking that these increased transport needs can be met by all the new residents using their cars is both illogical and deeply unfair on existing residents. And it would be bizarre to agree to a car-based transport system in Mortlake when many towns and cities worldwide are going in the opposite direction!

Regards,
Adrian Jenkins