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27th January 2020

Dear Lucy

RE: Planning Application nos: 18/0547/FUL; 18/0548/FUL; 18/0549/FUL

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed development on the site of the former Stag Brewery in Mortlake.

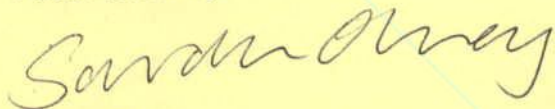
My objections are as follows:

1. The number of proposed residential units is too many for the site. The site suffers from natural constraints, being situated between the river, the A316, the Lower Richmond Road and the railway line. There is limited access for traffic and no alternative routes for traffic to disperse to. There is currently only 1 bus route that serves the site and the nearby railway station cannot bear the increase of so many passengers.
2. Of the proposed number of residential units, too few are for social housing. We have an acute housing shortage across the Borough, and I see people in my surgery every week who are in unsuitable housing and desperate to be re-housed. We must make the most of this opportunity to provide better housing for our most vulnerable residents.
3. The large number of parking spaces proposed for the block – 750 – will add considerably more cars to the neighbourhood and increase the congestion in the area which is already very significant. This will have a damaging effect on the air quality of this part of the borough.
4. There are already significant concerns about the safety of the level crossing at Mortlake station, which is used by hundreds of pedestrians every day, including many young children. Without a significant increase in safety measures, the arrival of many more residents in the area will make the crossing even more of a hazard.

I very much hope that the Council will reject this planning application, but – should it approve – I would like to recommend that the possibility of using the river for as much of the construction movements as possible should be explored. This will cut down on the number of lorries entering and leaving the site, which will reduce the impact on the existing neighbourhood.

I look forward to hearing the outcome of the Planning Committee.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sarah Olney'.

Sarah Olney
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park