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Dear Cllr Cardy

We are writing to urge you to vote 'no' to the planning applications as they currently stand.

We urge you to agree that they cannot be approved until the issues of air quality, pollution and traffic increase into and through Mortlake are solved.

We've followed the planning application to develop the Brewery since its inception - we attended the very first exploratory meetings to shape all the wonderful possibilities for using the site - but at every stage we've urged that the Council and Developers address the inevitable impact of increased traffic on the neighbourhood.

And this was before Hammersmith Bridge's closure showed us firsthand what increased traffic flow looks like.

Since the closure of Hammersmith Bridge my partner and I have become very aware of increased traffic air pollution - you can taste it - and there's a very real possibility it's affecting our health (we've both had respiratory problems we've never had before).

We have never been assured that the widening of Chalker's Corner will alleviate the traffic congestion that we experience daily. The solution does not address issues such as if traffic flow is made 'easier' because of the widening of Chalker's Corner, why wouldn't there be an increase in the quantity of vehicles opting to take this route? Since the closure of Hammersmith Bridge we have seen firsthand how drivers use optional routes to their benefit, and Mortlake, Barnes, and Sheen are now already serving far too many vehicles, and will continue to do so even after the ULEZ is introduced in 2021.

The Chalker's Corner solution also does not solve the fact that we have rail crossings at Sheen Lane and White Hart Lane, and the give-way integration with Mortlake High Street and surrounding streets. Even before Hammersmith Bridge's closure, Sheen Lane's rail crossing was already groaning dangerously 10 years ago before the size and scale of the developments were spelt out.

And even if the widening of Chalker's Corner provides a solution to congestion by improving traffic flow, the issue of pollution from 'flowing' traffic isn't being addressed. We're learning more every day about other pollution impacts from car tyre and brake dust.

It is a fact that there will necessarily be an increase in traffic into the neighbourhood from the proposed secondary school, new housing and other amenities. So our direct experience of the impact of increased traffic into the neighbourhood now underpins very validly our objection to the development continuing, and certainly beginning during the lifetime closure of Hammersmith.

To repeat, more assurances about air quality and pollution control have to be provided before this development can be approved.

We urge you to treat the planning applications exceptionally and differently and put the residents of Mortlake before the desires of the developers. They will be pushy - they have vested financial interests that will blind them to those of the community living here.

We welcome business and new amenities, but not at the expense of our quality of life or health. These have already almost vaporised since last April's closing of Hammersmith.

More importantly than anything though is that we feel powerless against the pollution that is now entering our neighbourhood. This is the most important issue for consideration.

Please represent us.

Kind regards.

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