

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 22/0902/FUL

Address: The Stag Brewery Lower Richmond Road Mortlake London SW14 7ET

Proposal: Erection of a three-storey building to provide a new secondary school with sixth form; sports pitch with floodlighting, external MUGA and play space; and associated external works including landscaping, car and cycle parking, new access routes and other associated works

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: There is little evidence for the need for a new secondary school in Mortlake. When the new housing development is completed, more primary school places will be essential. There will inevitably be an increase in young children to the area and younger pupils would need to be able to walk/cycle to school. This would mean there was no adverse effect on traffic in the immediate area.

At present the local Thomson House primary school uses Mortlake Green as a play area. This is having a serious detrimental effect on the grass and prevents local residents from experiencing full access and enjoyment of their essential open space. The children also use the brewery playing field for recreation which means they must cross the very busy Lower Richmond Road. The transfer of an expanded Thomson House primary school to the site would allow the young pupils a safe space in which to play.

Whatever the case for a new secondary school, the proposed school is too large for the site. The estimated number of pupils would be too great for the space available with little area for play and association. Also the number of staff parking spaces is severely limited. Such a school is unlikely to prove attractive to pupils, parents, teachers and other staff. It would cause serious traffic congestion on what is already a very busy and narrow road.

There is little provision for recreational space and facilities at lunchtime, or before and after school in the vicinity of the school. I am concerned that the lack of space will encourage pupils to use the towpath and river area for recreational and gathering purposes. The local area will struggle to absorb so many young people. This is likely to lead to friction between pupils and with local residents.