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Subject: Planning Applications 22/0900/OUT and 22/0902/FUL former Stag Brewery Site

Dear Madam/Sir

I am concerned that the number of buildings planned for this site are too dense - several blocks still exceed the 7-storey upper limit for buildings on this site - and there are not enough of the nature intended – i.e more affordable housing. Despite increasing the number of residential units by some 21%, from the 893, which Richmond resolved to approve at planning committee back in early 2020 the new design creates 1085 units, yet there is negligible increase in the provision of badly needed affordable homes.

The current plans, unlike the original plans, seem too top heavy allowing for insufficient sunlight in some low level apartments and onto the remaining green spaces.

There will be a much greater need for public transport – which is good – but the current infrastructure makes this look very difficult to provide.

Why do we need another secondary school when the birth trends do not indicate such a need? I am told the Dept of Education has recommended this but what data were they given on which to support this recommendation? The pupils will have insufficient outdoor space and traffic to this congested part of the neighbourhood will make it near impossible for students to get to and from school safely.

I have been to most of the meetings organised by MBCG and I have found their experts knowledgeable, fair and reasonable and yet their points seem to be being ignored by the Council. I had hoped that a Lib Dem Council would be more sympathetic to the concerns of the community but it seems not.

Yours

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