

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

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: The renewed application answers none of the objections I made previously. Please see below:

I know Richmond is desperate for school spaces, but I feel this school is much too big for the site.

I wish to object on grounds of

Traffic generation

Parking

Layout and density

Design

Loss of green space and trees

Highway safety

Sustainability

Traffic generation, parking, road safety: 1200 pupils, plus 81 teachers and 64 support staff will be moving in and out of the school at peak times. Children will have to negotiate chaotic traffic. A school this size will also need a constant flow of delivery vehicles, bin lorries and buses taking children to swimming classes etc. The homes to be built on the rest of the site are extremely unlikely to be affordable to teachers and other staff, which would help the situation by making it possible for them to walk to school. (It would also help with recruitment of staff, which is not going to be easy in this expensive area.) The problems are obvious and there is no coherent plan to deal with them.

Layout and density, design, sustainability: because the school is too big for the site there is not enough space for play areas and sports. The playground on the roof precludes solar panels placed and no other renewable energy options have been considered. The design of the building is disappointingly dull. Children are our future, but this school is out of date before it's off paper.

Green space and trees: the school is to be built on the old brewery sports ground which is more than half the public green space available to Mortlake residents. Some mature trees will be lost. Building on greenfield land is contrary to National Planning Policy, The London Plan and LBRUT's Village Plan for Mortlake.