

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: I endorse and support the views expressed by MESS (the Mortlake and East Sheen Society) in relation to the need for a new secondary school. When the proposal for a secondary school was first made there were doubts about the likely number of pupils. It can now be seen that the 'bulge' in pupil numbers is already passing through the secondary schools in the area so that by the time the school is built it may not be needed. Furthermore as the former head of a successful secondary school I am very concerned that the addition of a further sixth form in close proximity to 2 other sixth forms will result in all 3 being unviable. To provide a good quality education with the variety of subjects and numbers in classes that are key to a vibrant sixth form it is essential that the sixth form is well supported. The small size of the site and the likely increase in traffic all make this a very unsuitable site for a secondary school. I strongly support the original suggestion of putting the nearby primary school Thomson House on the Brewery site. The current arrangement for Thomson House on 2 sites separated by the railway line is profoundly unsatisfactory and the Brewery site would be the ideal place for it.