

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: Development Control Manager
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Dear Sir

Re: Planning Application Stag Brewery (22/0900/OUT)

I am not a native of Mortlake but I have lived here for over 40 years. In that time I have gained an impression of the character and appearance of the area. Low rise freehold property, modest terraced housing, medium density with open spaces, defined by the railway and the river.

Does the new development preserve or enhance the sense of place or undermine it? Does it complement the existing environment or will it overwhelm it?

It is very easy to dislike and disapprove of the plans laid before us in this planning application. It is too tall, too dense, it will swamp the already congested traffic routes, we do not need a 1,200 pupil secondary school and there is little provision for essential public services like a police station for this side of the borough.

These rabbit hutches, or oversized safe deposit boxes if you like, used to squirrel away overseas money of potentially doubtful provenance, are out of keeping with the character of this borough. This type of generic high rise development has been creeping up-river from Docklands to Vauxhall to Wandsworth and now Mortlake. You need only compare the view upstream from Putney Bridge and the one downstream to anticipate the degradation that will afflict the view downstream from Chiswick Bridge if this oversized development is permitted.

Enough is enough, I say "No" – Stop! – we do not want this high rise leasehold property venture foisted upon us by aliens who do not have the interests of local people at the forefront of their plans. Why should our neighbourhood and well-being be compromised for the profits and greed of an overseas property developer?

I urge the Council to reject this unsuitable, behemoth of a development of poor design that has no resonance with the existing urban landscape and to reject the plans for a large secondary school on the site.

Yours faithfully

Edward Inions