

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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Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: The proposed secondary school for over 1100 pupils would be built on the only green space in Mortlake which is large enough to host team games such as football - the former Brewery Sports field. These playing fields have listed status - LBRuT granted the site OOLTI status many years ago in recognition of its importance within the community and the lack of other playing fields nearby. The plans do not provide green space of equal quantity or quality, they simply propose small parcels of green dotted throughout the larger site (see outline application for the rest of the brewery site). They would not have the same benefit to man and nature as the existing sports fields.

The proposed school is too large for this site and covering the remaining open space in MUGA with floodlighting extinguishes the natural, sustainable nature of the site.

The developers claim that the new facilities will be available to the public but fail to explain that this will be very limited - after school hours, meaning in darkness, using unsustainable and unneighbourly floodlighting for much of the year.

The proposed school is not required to satisfy the current and predicted number of secondary school places in the borough. The Council's figures are out of date and have not taken into account falling numbers of pupils in our borough. The Council has refused to have a review to explain how they arrive at their figures. If the school is built it will be to the detriment of existing local secondary schools which are willing to and capable of expanding to accommodate the actual numbers of local children requiring school places.

Is it good use of resources for LBRuT to fund a new school which will be largely for the benefit for out of borough children?