

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 query the need for a new secondary school on the site. I have not seen any statistics showing it is necessary (and I understand primary school numbers are down). There are three large secondary schools in close proximity (Richmond Park Academy, Christs and Chiswick) - surely funding could be used to develop those schools, including sixth form provision. The proposed size of the school is too big for the allocated space (only 30% of the DfE recommended size) which is therefore inadequate. At the same time, the school would take away communal green space and sports facilities.

I think the space could be used to help an existing (smaller) primary school that lacks outdoor space? Thomson House primary school is operating in difficult circumstances on a split site with Mortlake Green as the playground and a dangerous crossing at Sheen Lane by the railway crossing to access this facility. It also uses the playing field at the brewery site.

Query if a new school should be built along a congested road with idling traffic and high levels of air pollution. If Thomson House was relocated it would be a smaller school with barriers to pollution put in place.