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## **HEADLINE COMMENTS**

In my opinion this scheme is still too large and dense in relation to the local area and will overwhelm the character and population of Mortlake. There is not the infrastructure to accommodate such a large scheme.

However I do welcome some aspects such as the river walks and community areas and facilities. It is important that additional local services such as doctor/dental/provision for the elderly and support services are accommodated on the site. The site does need to be developed but the

## **HEIGHT AND RIVERSIDE**

Several blocks still exceed the 7-storey upper limit for buildings on this site and will dominate the area for the current housing.

## **TRAFFIC**

With Hammersmith Bridge still closed to traffic and no foreseeable likelihood of re-opening for many years, the traffic around Mortlake, Barnes and Sheen will become even more unbearable. It is not even clear if the bridge will ever be open to traffic. I live on Mortlake High Street and traffic too often, particularly in the rush hour, queues from Chalkers Corner. The traffic mitigation is limited to just a new left-hand lane at the Lower Richmond Road/Chalker's Corner junction, and funds to support improved bus services, as yet to be identified by TfL. Traffic gridlock is inevitable. As are risks to personal safety and further decline in air quality.

## **SCHOOL**

The proposed large secondary school is simply not required, and future school place needs could be satisfied at existing local secondary schools in line with our 'Community Plan'. The Council leadership seems to be fixed on the plan to the detriment of local schools. The siting of the school requires the loss of the existing protected sports fields. This precious green space is simply not re-provided over the rest of the site as demanded by planning policy. The school site is also woefully undersized for a secondary school with simply too little outdoor space, significantly below Department for Education Guidelines for new sites. Additionally there is insufficient parking for staff. Go to any secondary school in London and you will find car parks and surrounding roads accommodating up to at least 50 cars. It would make sense to move Thompson House School here with perhaps additional housing on top. Something I

believe the developers have previously done. Its current building on a main road by the railway line is very polluting, although the brewery playing fields are also not ideal from a pollution level. Primary children most commonly walk to school. Secondary use public transport or are dropped off by parents (more cars).

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Despite increasing the number of residential units by some 21%—from the 893 which Richmond resolved to approve at planning committee back in early 2020—the new design creates 1085 units, yet there is negligible increase in the provision of badly needed affordable homes. I would also like to see sheltered accommodation for the elderly a badly needed local facility for an increasingly aging population. It is important these people can stay in their local area where they have contacts.

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