

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 object to the building of a new school on the Stag Brewery playing field on these grounds. Firstly, having read many of the existing objections from local residents, it would appear that a new school simply isn't needed. The area is already well served by enough schools and it would therefore be a waste of money to go ahead with this proposal. Secondly, the playing field is a well used and much loved green space, allowing local children and young people to play sport on a wonderful area of green in their local area. This is what community is all about. If a school was built, that patch of green would be lost, never to be regained, and all the local flora and fauna dependent on it would suffer. A new school would also create the need for vastly improved local transport to ferry pupils in and out of the area, plus all the many staff, both teaching and administrative, to get to the school each day. Local transport is already stretched almost beyond endurance and the prospect of 1,000 + youngsters trying to get to the building and back every day (by bus or by train) would be horrendous given the already jam-packed traffic situation in this area. Staff might have to drive in, to add to the existing pressure. Local residents and vital visitors such as doctors, carers and delivery drivers, would struggle to cope with even worse traffic jams, queues and often stationary traffic, than we already have to endure. All of this is of course exacerbated by the currently closed Hammersmith Bridge. There is no prospect of that re-opening to traffic in the next few years, so the Chalker's Corner exit/entrance is the main one to this area, with Sheen Lane and White Hart Lane (both restricted by the level crossing barrier being down by up to 40 minutes out of every hour) as the other two options. Pollution is already extremely high in this area and would only get worse if this proposal went ahead, meaning that local residents and particularly their children, would have to cope with the effects of heavy pollution on their health. It's seems incredible to me that the developers are seemingly willing to fund a new school that isn't really needed, without considering the massive and extremely negative impact that that would have on the area, particularly the loss of a large and much used green space bordered by many mature trees, which is necessary more than ever given the volume of heavy traffic through Mortlake, Barnes and East Sheen.