

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 22/0900/OUT

Address: The Stag Brewery Lower Richmond Road Mortlake London SW14 7ET

Proposal: Hybrid application to include: 1. Demolition of existing buildings (except the Maltings and the façade of the Bottling Plant and former Hotel), walls, associated structures, site clearance and groundworks, to allow for the comprehensive phased redevelopment of the site: 2. Detailed application for the works to the east side of Ship Lane which comprise: a. Alterations and extensions to existing buildings and erection of buildings varying in height from 3 to 9 storeys plus a basement of one to two storeys below ground to allow for residential apartments; flexible use floorspace for retail, financial and professional services, café/restaurant and drinking establishment uses, offices, non-residential institutions and community use and boathouse; Hotel / public house with accommodation; Cinema and Offices. b. New pedestrian, vehicle and cycle accesses and internal routes, and associated highway works. c. Provision of on-site cycle, vehicle and servicing parking at surface and basement level. d. Provision of public open space, amenity and play space and landscaping. e. Flood defence and towpath works. f. Installation of plant and energy equipment. 3. Outline application, with all matters reserved for works to the west of Ship Lane which comprise: a. The erection of a single storey basement and buildings varying in height from 3 to 8 storeys. b. Residential development. c. Provision of on-site cycle, vehicle and servicing parking. d. Provision of public open space, amenity and play space and landscaping. e. New pedestrian, vehicle and cycle accesses and internal routes, and associated highways works.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: As there have been amendments to the scheme, and there have been some recent new circumstances affecting local transport, I am commenting again.

None of the recent amendments have addressed any of the problems with the scheme. The cinema is still unnecessary, the buildings are too tall and too dense and do not address the concerns of the Mayor of London of the scheme not respecting the open and Arcadian nature of the site. The provision of affordable housing is woeful and I assume the developer hopes the Mayor will order them to tack some on making the site even more crowded rather than putting people who want to make this a home rather than buying as an investment opportunity at the heart of the development. Although this is a comment on the Stag Brewery development part of the problem remains the constraint of building what appears to be an unnecessary school. I feel certain that the Mayor will again reject this development on the same grounds so why not come up with something more in keeping with his judgement ?

What has changed locally is that the railway company has made it very clear over the last few weeks that neither North Sheen or Mortlake is a priority stop for them and we have had no trains stopping at those stations for three weeks. They blame industrial action, although as the overtime ban will still exist from the 8th January when they propose reopening the stations, it seems to me that they would like trains to run straight to Richmond from Barnes if they could and are using that industrial action as an excuse. This action has caused many problems for locals even without the addition of this development with the nearest stations now being Barnes Bridge or Richmond. With the Manor Road development also happening the pressure on local transport will be intolerable in the very near future.

Development of the site is of course very important but there has to be a better way than this. The recent conversion into

temporary film studios show that use can be made of the site that provides employment and should bring ancillary services to the area if made a permanent solution. Surely the this use could allow for new affordable housing to be built around the site on the west side of ship lane and around the playing fields ?

It remains true that on the doorstep in the recent council elections the LibDem candidates all said they opposed this scheme and I am hopeful that they will still do so.