

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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Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: Dear Planning Department,

Once again, I oppose this application on multiple grounds:

1. the Plan prepared in 2011 spoke only of a Primary School for the site. It is fair to ask the question as to whether LBRuT would be proposing the development of this school were it not that the Developer is funding the build.
2. A school of the size proposed is irrelevant to the needs of the coming generations whose education can be absorbed by the existing two secondary schools with suitable temporary buildings at Richmond Park Academy.
3. A third Secondary School is no guarantee of a better quality of education for local children. What is needed is improvement to school discipline and teaching skills at the existing schools.
4. A school of the proposed capacity on the A 3003 road through Mortlake and Barnes, which is already congested by the proposed number of dwellings in the 'sister' development will be a magnet for more traffic bringing consequent pollution and risk of accidents. Those children coming into the area via Mortlake railway station will be at risk of injury on the Sheen lane crossing and if they come by car the frustration of delays on that crossing will heighten the risk of inconsiderate driving. .
5. The plan destroys an existing grass sports field utilized by many generations and a community asset for Mortlake's community activities with consequent impact on the health and physical well-being of animals and humans at a time when our ecology is under stress and our children are increasingly obese. Loss of this coherent area of green space to the architectural layout of the 'sister development' of the old brewery site is vandalism.
6. The proposed artificial pitch replacing only a part of the sports field can be designed to allow for the absorption of rainwater at a time when flood risk in our riverside location is predicted to increase but a single pitch is entirely inadequate to a school of this size assuming that boys and girls are presumed to be learning their field sports skills at the same time..As a minimum therefore I expect there to be two pitches in concurrent use (e.g. football on one and hockey on the other). The Multiple Use Games facilities do not offer a suitable alternative to full size pitches. The health of the children is compromised.as a result.
7. Were the space developed for a Primary School as originally conceived, It would allow for the Social Services of a Medical Centre and Social Housing so important to the well-being of people with Special Needs or essential services workers.