

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 have objected to the secondary school before. I wish to restate that objection. The need for the school has decreased even more since the Council made a decision to allocate space for a secondary school on the site in 2015. Primary school rolls have fallen, the birth rate has dropped and the pandemic has led to families leaving the borough. There is no case for a new secondary school in the eastern part of the borough and any decision to progress with it will negatively impact on the two existing secondary schools, RPA and Christ's. LBRuT's Education and Children's Services committee deferred approving the School Place Planning Strategy on 9th January due to concerns about the lack of data in the report to support the assertion that a new school was needed. It would not be wise for the Planning Committee to proceed with a decision on the school in the absence of an approved Council strategy and current concerns about data. The proposed building is far too small for 1250 pupils totalling just 30% of DfE guidelines for a school of this size. In addition, the school will be located on protected OOLTI land diminishing the overall availability of green space in Mortlake.