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Dear Sir,

Reference: 22/0902/FUL

We endorse the points made by the Mortlake with East Sheen Society in their submission (reference FS426166246) and we add our own comments.

Since the plans for the Brewery site were produced, we have never supported the idea of a secondary school. Inevitably the site chosen was the Watney playing field, which is now a very welcome green space in a busy, densely populated area. This could have remained a great asset to the residents of the new development. Furthermore, it is surely irresponsible to build over a playing field and cover the remainder with artificial turf when we are encouraged not to build over gardens to allow dispersal of rainwater.

We note also that the proposal is not only for a secondary school but a sixth form building as well. We haven't seen any pupil numbers but the traffic flow in the area particularly in early morning and late afternoon with staff and parent movements will be highly detrimental to the traffic system in that area. It will inevitably have a severe effect on the Chalker's Corner junction.

As a further point, do we need another secondary school in the borough? If the council are thinking of bussing pupils in from other parts of London we are spreading the traffic/pollution problem. A small primary school may be just about acceptable, using less of the valuable green space. It would seem an ideal position for Thomson House school which is located on two sites in Sheen Lane close to a busy level crossing and currently has limited facilities.

The secondary school is a bad idea and should not be under consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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