

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

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Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: We understand that concerns have been raised about the validity of the data presented to justify the demand/need for a secondary school/6th form. Moreover, that data is now nearly 10 years old and as such should not be relied on to justify the need for the proposed new secondary school. Since then, we have experienced families moving out of London and a drop in population statistics which is already feeding through to reductions in primary school place needs.

The proposed site is far too small for the number of pupils. The total area is just 30% of DfE guidelines for secondary schools of this pupil size.

We continue to believe that the best schooling option would be to expand Richmond Park Academy and Christ's School as needed to meet any demand for increased secondary school places and to move Thomson House Primary School from its current inadequate sites onto the Stag Brewery site. This would avoid a sub-scale secondary school that does not have a local catchment need and is in a poor transport location for non-local pupils. It would also enable the preservation of the protected OOLTI open space and result in significantly reduced peak time traffic in the vicinity.