Reference: FS478320624

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 22/0902/FUL

Address: The Stag BreweryLower Richmond RoadMortlakeLondonSW14 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 wish to Object to this development for the following reasons:

Applications A & B

Density, Building Height & Scale of Development

- The scheme now proposes 1071 residential units, a minor reduction of 14 from the March 2022 submission, and thus remains far too dense given the prevailing scale and density of the existing community, the sensitive riverside location, heritage context, and the severe and unique access constraints of this site.
- The Council's own Design Review Panel (DRP) "felt the scheme is too dense for this area and resonates more with Central London where higher density is expected." (DRP letter 28.02.22).

Affordable Housing

- Despite the increase in residential units to 1071 from 813 in the earlier 2020 planning applications the affordable percentage remains exceedingly low at around 19% (39 Intermediate units and 165 Social Rent).
- Infrastructure, Highways & Access
- Traffic generation and congestion remain as major concerns and objections to these proposals. There is just one means of access/egress to the site which is already gridlocked and not just at peak times. The supporting reports and data simply do not reflect the actual conditions of severe congestion and poor air quality.
- Local residents are experiencing huge delays in travelling out of the area by car due to already increased congestion throughout the day, and equivalent delays on returning into Mortlake.
- Development of the Homebase site, the Barnes Hospital site, and future redevelopment of the Kew Retail Park will make local conditions unsustainable.
- Hammersmith Bridge remains closed to traffic with no prospect of it being fully re-opened for vehicular traffic and bus services for many years.
- Local bus and train services have also been reduced and although 106 Agreement funds are allocated for improved local bus services, TfL have confirmed there are no definitive plans.
- How Stantec can justifiably substantiate their proposed upgrading of the PTAL accessibility of the site given the above is implausible. (See Technical Note Bespoke PTAL Calculation Summary 01.07.22).

Application B - New Secondary School School Place Needs, Siting and OOLTI

• There remains no justification for the need of the proposed new secondary school. Data produced almost 10years ago to support this is now invalid. Since then, we have experienced families moving out of London, drop in population statistics

and this is already feeding through to reductions in primary school place needs.

For these reasons alone both inter-linked applications should be refused