

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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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: I support the comments made by members of the MCGB in its objections to the proposed new secondary school. Data produced almost 10 years ago to support this is now invalid. Since then, we have experienced families moving out of London, and a drop in population statistics and this is already feeding through to reductions in primary school place needs.

- The proposed school is still located on protected OOLTI green open space, which represents the largest open green space in Mortlake.
- Jubilee Gardens and Mortlake Green are the only other meaningful green open spaces in the area and are already highly pressured in use by the existing population, and in the case of Mortlake Green, by further recreational use by pupils of Thomson House Primary School.
- Furthermore, daylight-sunlight data now illustrates many of the open spaces are highly over-shadowed due to the increased building heights compared to the 2020 design proposals.
- Finally, the school site is far too small for 1250 pupils and necessitated play areas on the roof. Following Covid experiences, outdoor open space for children is especially precious both for health and well-being. The site's total area is just 30% of DfE guidelines for secondary schools of this pupil size. If the fenced off, All-weather sports pitch is in use then the remaining open area for the majority of the 1250 pupils is woefully inadequate.