

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 22/0900/OUT

**Address:** The Stag Brewery Lower Richmond Road Mortlake London SW14 7ET

**Proposal:** Hybrid application to include: 1. Demolition of existing buildings (except the Maltings and the façade of the Bottling Plant and former Hotel), walls, associated structures, site clearance and groundworks, to allow for the comprehensive phased redevelopment of the site: 2. Detailed application for the works to the east side of Ship Lane which comprise: a. Alterations and extensions to existing buildings and erection of buildings varying in height from 3 to 9 storeys plus a basement of one to two storeys below ground to allow for residential apartments; flexible use floorspace for retail, financial and professional services, café/restaurant and drinking establishment uses, offices, non-residential institutions and community use and boathouse; Hotel / public house with accommodation; Cinema and Offices. b. New pedestrian, vehicle and cycle accesses and internal routes, and associated highway works. c. Provision of on-site cycle, vehicle and servicing parking at surface and basement level. d. Provision of public open space, amenity and play space and landscaping. e. Flood defence and towpath works. f. Installation of plant and energy equipment. 3. Outline application, with all matters reserved for works to the west of Ship Lane which comprise: a. The erection of a single storey basement and buildings varying in height from 3 to 8 storeys. b. Residential development. c. Provision of on-site cycle, vehicle and servicing parking. d. Provision of public open space, amenity and play space and landscaping. e. New pedestrian, vehicle and cycle accesses and internal routes, and associated highways works.

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### Comments

**Type of comment:** Object to the proposal

**Comment:** 2/2 continued

- 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).
- The proposed location of the bus stops and pedestrian crossings on the Lower Richmond Road and Mortlake High St, together with the Mortlake Station level crossing, will create unbearable constraints to traffic movement especially at am-peak times with the concentrated arrival of 1250 school pupils/staff and other site generated traffic/deliveries.
- The scheme will very significantly increase the local population by around 2500 residents and yet there is little or no

provision for increased Community, Health and Cultural Facilities. The employment uses and a student population of 1250 will simply add to these local infrastructure pressures.

#### 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 10 years 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.
- The proposed school is still located on protected OOLTI green open space, sports fields which represent 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.
- OOLTI re-provisioning is simply not achieved by the nine pocket-sized open spaces in the proposed scheme. The spaces simply do not re-provision in terms of quality, quantum or openness and thus contravene Policy.
- Two of the spaces are all hard surfaced in any case and the Richmond Design Review Panel has stressed a need for less hard surfaced space and more soft green.
- 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.
- This is simply unacceptable and a vast under-provision which Richmond should not accept.

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