

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

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: I object to the application to build a new school in the large green open space and sports fields next to the Mortlake brewery site. This is a large green space that I often walk past on my way to the river. I see much wildlife there and I see people playing organized football. The tragedy of loss of green space throughout London and the UK is well publicised but the equal tragedy of loss of recreational facilities, particularly for the young, is less often discussed. My own swimming pool was shut down so I don't swim any more and I expect many of the footballers who use the Mortlake space won't play football any more. A new school is not necessary or useful in Mortlake at present so the main effect of this development will simply be to erode people's physical wellbeing, with added strain on the NHS, and also to damage the environment, with added strain on the planet. A new school could become useful if the associated gigantic development of housing on the brewery site goes ahead, but I also object to that because the number of units is far too big for the area to sustain and also it will damage the environment. The school, if built, will not be fit for children to attend as it will have no real sports fields attached (what is proposed hardly constitutes sports fields) – what kind of school discourages students to exercise? In general the school, like the residential development, is no more than a cynical attempt by developers to make lots of money at the expense of working people and the environment.