

## 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:** Mortlake Community Association does not support the building of a secondary school on the Brewery site.

The Mortlake Brewery Community Group predicted, based on sound statistical analysis, that the number of children needing secondary school places would be much lower than those predicted by the Borough, and this has proved to be the case. The Borough's forecast that a new school would be needed by 2021/22 has not happened. The number of children in primary schools is falling rapidly. This week, the Education Committee rejected the School Place Planning Strategy by Achieving for Children as the figures to demonstrate the justification for a new secondary school and no forecasts of numbers in primary schools. This lack of information does not instil confidence in the process of forecasting numbers, so far proved to be unreliable.

The present secondary schools will be adversely affected by another secondary school, there are not enough children in the area to sustain three schools, and certainly not enough to sustain a sixth form in each school. The present schools are already finding it hard to sustain their sixth forms.

The beginning and end of each school day is heart-stopping as small children go across the narrow path each side of the level crossing with cars, often driven with impatience, pass within centimetres of them. The school is split either side of the crossing which for some families necessitates more than one risky journey. It is an accident waiting to happen. The answer is for the school to be moved to the development, a much safer environment and less pressure on a dangerous crossing.

We urge the Planning Committee to:

- reject the application for the building of a secondary school
- recommend the consideration of the building of a primary school