

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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Type of comment: Object to the proposal

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- There remains no justification for a new secondary school. Data produced almost 10 years ago to support this cannot be valid. Since that data was collected, we have experienced a significant change in demand for secondary school places in the borough with neither of the two secondary schools near the site currently operating to capacity.
- The proposed school site is also far too small for 1250 pupils and will necessitate play areas on the roof of the school. 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.
- 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 under pressure, particularly Mortlake Green, by increased recreational use by pupils of Thomson House Primary School.
- OOLTI re-provisioning in the proposal 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.