

## 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 am writing to object to the current proposal and plans for the development at the stag brewery, Mortlake. Application A - 22/0900/OUT and Application B 22/0902/FUL

These new updated applications still show no improvement for the utterly overwhelming and unnecessary size of the development. The area has an already overwhelmed and bottlenecked transport system that will become much worse with this scale of development. The number of pupils and staff that will have to get into and out of the site on a daily basis will create a horrid and unmanageable extra volume of traffic in the area. This will have a direct and hugely detrimental effect on the current residents. We already have traffic at a standstill almost constantly and the pollution is having a very negative effect and will only get worse with the inadequate transport and infrastructure proposals.

Further to these issues of sheer size, the lack of green space for the school is astonishing. Planning on using the current green space and building on the field that has many local uses is completely impractical and will mean spaces like Mortlake green will become overwhelmed and unusable for most locals. Schools and their students deserve more outdoor and green space, not less. Children should also have their own space that is a safe space and not always be expected to use a communal space for any outdoor time.

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.

The overwhelming size of the whole development and height of proposed buildings will deliver a space that is not in keeping with the area, will reduce sunlight for everyone, the local community are not being considered, the new residence and school pupils will be squashed into an unpleasant environment not suitable for nurturing, education or raising healthy children. We should be striving for better, not just what will do or squeeze in to maximise profits.