

## 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.

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

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

**Comment:** I write to support the detailed response made by the Mortlake with East Sheen Society in objecting to the application.

I would also ask that the objections made in my earlier letter written to you in May 2022 also be fully considered since the current proposals are still essentially unchanged.

They remain inadequate and unacceptable, a clear case of architectural failure. (It may say something about the process at work here that other work by the same architects is of a noticeably higher standard.) The design is stale and incoherent. The basic demands of an outstanding site are not addressed, and its rich and varied possibilities are thrown away.

It is now 18 months since the Mayor rejected the scheme, then already the product of endless compromises, and still the tweaking continues. The original brief is now a decade old. Circumstances have changed radically. It is deeply frustrating that these now thoroughly discredited proposals (which still don't actually meet the mayor's requirements) are kept on life support while Richmond Planning Department seems blindly resistant to any new thinking.

This whole development has to be radically reconsidered. In today's terms, in a time of global warming, rising sea levels, renewable energy, clean air, we need to work out how to use this site intelligently: how it physically connects with the rest of Mortlake (Mortlake Green, Mortlake Station?), how it might relate, as a place, to the river and the Maltings, what local transport links are needed, how film studios might work, or a pier (for light freight? for commuters?), how the Maltings building might be repurposed, what school(s) are actually required, and how they would be integrated and not cramped.