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To: StagBreweryRedevelopment <stagbreweryredevelopment@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk>
Subject: Mortlake Stag Brewery

Dear Sirs,

Re: 22/0900/OUT and 22/09202/FULL

I have the strongest possible objections to the proposed development at the site of the old Brewery in Mortlake.

The proposed buildings make the site too crowded. There has been no improvement in the plans.

The proposed 9 storey buildings are out of all proportion to the surrounding area – just about from the west side of Putney Bridge to Hampton Court and beyond. No building should exceed 4 storeys.

What will basements do to the water table?

Retail units seems to be a lost cause – the high street along the Upper Richmond Road in Sheen has lost all its banks and building societies and most of good retail shops in favour of cafes, hairdressers and life-style establishments. So how can more retail units be justified? A café maybe, a wine bar,

a “corner” shop perhaps and I can even see a gym. But little else.

The Thames floods along this stretch of the river. How much concrete will be needed to stop it? How much damage can this do to the environment and to the natural nature of the area?

I do not know much about the need for another secondary school in the area. My suspicion is that children will have to be bused in from other areas.

Cinema? I have no opinion, except I believe we can do without one.

And parking. Undoubtedly, there will not be enough parking for the homes built, let alone for visitors to the proposed cinema, retail units etc.. There is little public transport and people do not always feel safe walking home after dark in this quiet, residential area. People will want to take their cars to the cinema.

And what will be lost? Access for the local community and others, to the river and tow path. To a natural area so important to expand and relax the mind.

The site undoubtedly needs to be developed. But what is wrong with a development along the lines of the area near the National Archives together with some affordable housing? A care-home possibly? (A recuperation centre after a stay in hospital?) It seems the developers foresee a “destination hub”. Not right for the area.

And the huge elephant in the room – ACCESS. (Existing frequent congestion, the closure of Hammersmith Bridge and Sheen Gate, the level crossing, limited public transport, the inability to improve current access without demolishing existing homes are a huge issue in the area.) (Only yesterday, I saw school boys cross the level crossing as the barriers were coming down. Incidents like this would only increase.)

Please think this through – a bit of blue sky thinking is needed.

Yours faithfully

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