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Subject: Comments on Planning Applications 22/0900/OUT & 22/0902/FUL

We are residents in the LBRUT, living at 45 Palmerston Road SW14 7QA.

We wish to comment on the Amendments to the Planning Applications for the Stag Brewery site in Mortlake. We endorse fully the objections raised to the Amendments by the Mortlake with East Sheen Society (MESS).

The project of the proposed development of flats, as heightened and intensified in the revised application, is unsuitable for this suburban site with its (present) greenery and generally low-rise buildings. This new iteration would be a massive, unwieldy intrusion into the area, making a stretch of historic riverside into a clunky subtopia along the lines of the desecrated Thames banks further to the east. At least the original application was less dense and lofty. This iteration also seeks to make money out of lessening the pleasantness of the experience of living in the flats, and out of reducing the social mix of the inhabitants by reducing the number of 'affordable' units.

The proposed secondary school remains a weird hangover from an earlier period. Cramming teenagers and staff onto a site so difficult of access and so preposterously restricted in size was always a no-hoper. With the closure of Mortlake Station, it becomes pitiful. More of the teenagers and staff will need to travel by car, and the photos submitted by MESS of the traffic congestion in the area are a cogent reminder of what things are like now, before any add-ons. With the railways in their present wretched state, we cannot feel sure about the future of Mortlake Station: it may re-open, at least temporarily, or it may not. But it will continue to bottle up the traffic on Sheen Lane, with the trains that rattle through between Richmond and Barnes.

We accept that the Brewery site needs to be redeveloped, but this latest scheme for doing so is not suitable, either for the site or for the neighbourhood.

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