

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 23/1937/FUL

Address: The Stag Brewery Lower Richmond Road Mortlake London SW14 7ET

Proposal: Use of the existing buildings and land including erection of external film sets for film production operations and ancillary activities. (Refer to covering letter dated 23 August 2023 to understand how this application interacts with any future comprehensive redevelopment of the site).

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Comments

Type of comment: Support the proposal

Comment: 1. The site has been in industrial use for over 500 years and the film studios are currently a very fitting replacement industry for the brewery, indeed a much cleaner industry than was the brewing. The studios continue to provide good employment opportunities, they are a boost to our local economy and they have become a source of civic pride following closure of the brewery.

2. Unlike the housing and school development which the Council has approved and which will add significantly to the existing traffic chaos in this area in peak hours due to the constraints at both Chalkers Corner and the level crossings, the applicant's Transport Note indicates that "the majority of staff will travel to/ from work outside of the peak hours." This is music to our ears.

3. The only problem associated with the film studio use is the aircraft noise, its location being between the two flightpaths into the northern and southern runways of Heathrow, but the former packaging plant of the brewery has been sound-proofed at great cost and the film studio use should be allowed to continue in order to justify such cost and considering the sustainability of the work already undertaken.

4. By contrast the housing and school development, which the Council has recently approved subject to Mayoral direction, defies logic as it is in conflict with the Council's own planning brief for the site and with its policies on building heights, heritage and affordable housing – also indeed with the Mayor's policies on the same issues. It is important that a better solution for the ultimate redevelopment of this site is found and, until then, we have no objection to this proposal for the continuation of the film studio use for the eastern part of the site. As for the western part, we would not wish to see dereliction occur here, hence we have no objection to the film studios using the whole site excluding the playing fields.