

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 have received the most recent 'Neighbour Consultation' letter, dated 20/11/23, from an unnamed 'Head of Development Management' at the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames.

My first point of objection is to this is the letter itself: the post code used for the Stag Brewery potential development on the letter is incorrect and misleading to those who might glance at it - it should be SW14 5ET, not SW15 5ET. Secondly the directions given to reach this 'Comment' section are not made crystal clear: it should say something along the lines of: 'Go to www.richmond.gov.uk/searchplanning and enter the application reference number 22/0900/OUT'. This would not have been difficult. Many people reading the letter will see 'it is preferred that you submit your views online' and not know where to go. On these grounds this 'Neighbour Consultation' is a failure and ought to be reissued so locals can have a proper chance to respond to what is a major potential change to where they live.

My second point is that is clear from the talk of 'the erection of buildings varying in height from 3 to 9 storeys' that this application is completely out of character with this neighbourhood. A small urban town is seemingly being created with parking lots, cinemas, hotels, pubs, offices, 'floorspace for retail', 'non-residential institutions', restaurants and 'drinking establishment uses' properties alongside these tall residential buildings (more or less anything, it would seem). There is nothing else vaguely like this in Mortlake now, and has never been... why should an application be granted for all this suddenly in the 2020s?

My third point is that living in this area, which I have all my life, doing my GCSEs at Shene School in 1988, all these plans - with the likely effect on traffic and the nature of this community, tucked away on a quiet bend of the Thames as it is - are making me think twice about the neighbourhood/area. I am not alone in this. Surely, it is the Council's responsibility to

protect the lives of those who live within it from unnecessary turmoil?

Finally, please could these letters be sent out with the correct post code for the development and a clearer explanation of how people can make comments online - so the 'democratic process' has at least some sort of chance?

Sincerely,

Tom Chesshyre