

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 23/3232/FUL

**Address:** 84 Lower Mortlake Road Richmond TW9 2HS

**Proposal:** Change of use of building from Class E 'Commercial, Business and Service' to Class C3 'Residential' together with rooftop alterations and extensions to provide 21 no. residential properties. Refurbishment of facade, to include the installation of balconies together with associated amenities, parking and landscaping.

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

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

#### Comment:

I am writing to formally express my objection to the proposed conversion of the business building located at 84 Lower Mortlake road into apartments. As a resident residing in extremely close proximity to the proposed development, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts on my quality of life.

#### 1. Loss of Privacy:

The conversion poses a significant threat to the privacy of my residence. All my windows directly face the building and the close proximity raises concerns about the intrusion into my personal space. This loss of privacy is a critical consideration that should not be taken lightly.

#### 2. High Level of Noise:

Given that I work from home, the proposed conversion introduces a heightened risk of noise disturbances that could disrupt my professional activities. Construction, refurbishment, and subsequent habitation of the apartments may generate considerable noise levels, adversely affecting my ability to concentrate and work effectively.

#### 3. Unpleasant Smells:

There is a concern about the potential release of toxic smells during the construction and post-construction phases, which could pose serious health risks to nearby residents.

#### 4. Proximity to Refurbishment:

The proposed refurbishment activities will take place in extremely close proximity to my residence. This close distance heightens the impact of noise, smells, and potential disruptions, making it even more critical to address and mitigate the adverse effects on nearby residents.

#### 5. Dust and Dirt from Construction:

The construction process is likely to generate dust and dirt, which may pose health hazards and contribute to the deterioration of the air quality in the surrounding area. I am concerned about the potential impact on my residence, belongings, and overall well-being due to the accumulation of dust and dirt resulting from the construction activities.

#### 6. Potential Traffic Disruptions:

The refurbishment process may result in increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity. This not only poses safety concerns but could also disrupt the normal flow of traffic, causing inconvenience for residents in the neighborhood, including myself.

#### 7. Parking Accessibility Issues:

The proposed works for the building conversion may create challenges in accessing our underground parking (which is accessible via West Sheen Lane). The potential disruption to the normal flow of traffic and the utilization of parking spaces during the construction phase could pose significant difficulties for residents who rely on these spaces.

I kindly request that the Planning Department carefully consider the potential negative consequences of this proposed conversion on the immediate neighbors, particularly those in extremely close proximity. Addressing concerns related to privacy, noise, smells, dust, dirt, and traffic disruptions is essential for maintaining a healthy and livable environment for the existing residents. I urge the exploration of alternative solutions, such as soundproofing measures, privacy screens, or adjustments to the development plan, to mitigate these risks and ensure a harmonious coexistence between the proposed apartments and the existing residential properties.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that the Planning Officer will give due consideration to the valid concerns raised by affected residents.