

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.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: As widely reported in the national press the borough of Richmond upon Thames has been named “the happiest place to live” in Great Britain according to the property website Rightmove. But not all the borough is happy – Mortlake and East Sheen has been hit by a series of events that have severely reduced the happiness factor

- The closure of Hammersmith Bridge in early 2019 – which has led to horrendous traffic problems and near constant gridlock on Upper Richmond Road/The South Circular
- The closure of Sheen gate to motor traffic in Richmond Park – which may have reduced the rat-run traffic on one route through the park but has just pushed it elsewhere (some of it still in the park) but has exacerbated problems at Clifford Avenue which remains as one of the worst bottlenecks in London
- Public transport issues – notably the reduction of train services serving Mortlake station – by 50% for much of the day and particularly at night – and with a feeble tube service south of the river the only alternative transport is buses stuck in traffic jams
- The Mortlake Brewery Development has not happened yet but is seen by local residents as more pain to come – the increased traffic and partial road closures during the construction stage and the accommodation of new traffic created by the occupants of 1,000 new dwellings

There are no councillors from Mortlake and East Sheen on the borough Planning Committee and approving this overscale development is being decided by those who are not affected by these issues. These councillors should read John Harris's recent article* on a development in Frome that has a strong social enterprise to include space for employment as well as new housing on a more realistic scale that will improve the happiness factor for the area.

There is now a major area of the Mortlake Brewery site being used for film-making on a grand scale that could become a

more permanent feature and become a hub for other activities of a cultural nature.

* <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/dec/10/english-town-fought-cookie-cutter-housing-frome-somerset>