Reference: FS585477791

## Comment on a planning application

**Application Details** 

Application: 22/0900/OUT

Address: The Stag BreweryLower Richmond RoadMortlakeLondonSW14 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 worksc. Provision of on-site cycle, vehicle and servicing parking at surface and basement leveld. Provision of public open space, amenity and play space and landscapinge. Flood defence and towpath worksf. Installation of plant and energy equipment3. 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 storeysb. Residential developmentc. Provision of on-site cycle, vehicle and servicing parkingd. Provision of public open space, amenity and play space and landscapinge. 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: Part 2

It is necessary to address also some environmental and historical concerns, which to the local people are nonetheless relevant and in many cases more significant than those issues previously mentioned. Firstly, the design and scale of the new building proposals are nothing but an infestation on the quiet village aesthetic of the area. Mortlake highstreet has already suffered this fate once in the 50s with the widening of the road, hence it would be outright criminal to make the same mistake twice and further destroy its historic character. This unsightliness is not confined to the highstreet either, and perhaps its effects are most disastrous when seen from the river; a view largely unchanged for centuries. The towering and unsympathetic structures are an unwanted violation to the scenic towpath route from Chiswick bridge to Barnes depicted in so many wonderful paintings throughout its history. It is worth noting this area is also culturally significant and visible to millions of people as a result of it being the final leg of the University boat race. Additionally I would like to stress the importance of Watney's sports ground, being a vital place of recreation for local residents and the subsequent impact of its reduction in size imposed as part of the development scheme. I will mention that this green has had its borders unchanged since prior to the 19th century. In the spirit of ruining historic vistas, several large residential buildings are set to overlook four Grade 2 listed houses on the Thames Bank, encroaching right onto their garden walls. These dominating structures will not only massively invade the privacy of the homeowners but serve to obliterate the scenic gardens and water front view of this protected site.

I will briefly touch on the much discussed and unavoidable traffic disaster that I'm sure those at Reselton have attempted to address by way of over complicated false promises. The simple fact of the matter is that the lower Richmond road cannot sustain its current traffic levels let alone the massive vehicle increase required to support the proposed school and

the 1000 new homes. The closure of Hammersmith bridge and the already poor transport connections in the area serve only to enhance this issue to an unmanageable extent.