

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: Part 3

Although any notion of ethics and moral duty seem to be of no concern to those responsible for encouraging this disregard of public opinion, such matters deserve no less consideration than those previously stated and as members of an elected representative of Mortlake, you have a duty to prioritise the wellbeing of your constituency. In this regard as members of a democratic body you would do well to exercise your judgement in favour of the 1000+ objections submitted online under the Stag Brewery planning application, in comparison to the 27 in support of the scheme.

The lack of large scale development projects is what has given Barnes and Mortlake its strong sense of heritage and community, a benefit largely not seen in other central London postcodes. 90% of local residents agreed with this statement according to a 2021 study. It would be foolish to trample on this vital aspect of city living with the construction of such a densely populated, self-sufficient and wholly separate community that realistically will only serve to divide the neighbourhood. I consider it relevant to point out that the proposed tower blocks and apartment complexes do not promote a sense of belonging to an area of London dominated by semi detached and terraced housing owing to the fact that very few people consider such arrangements as a permanent residence.

Whilst such harsh critique is wholly appropriate in light of this circumstance, it would be incomplete without consideration of an alternative use of the space. Although the community has hardly suffered from its vacancy it would be wise to make use of this plot for purposes that serve the already existing community, without detracting from any of the aforementioned aspects of Mortlake's appeal. This could include its continued use as a film studio, alternatively, a partial or total conversion into a public park, connected to the towpath, helping the landscape to return to its idealised painting-like form. In a more extreme situation the site could see a housing development in the form of semi detached and terraced housing,

homogenous with the rest of the area, ensuring the community merges more successfully with the original whilst limiting the number of new residents to a more manageable level. Ultimately the responsibility of those who govern our borough of Richmond should not be to “create a new heart of Mortlake” but to cultivate and respect the heart it has long possessed and the people that keep it beating.

To put it simply the plans proposed by Reselton Properties are nothing but a cruel and forceful imposition of infrastructure wholly unwanted by the very people whose opinions you swore to uphold. It is an economic, environmental, cultural and moral travesty to allow such a scheme to be inflicted upon the residents of Richmond borough and nothing short of a criminal injustice to value a Singapore based company over that of the people you supposedly represent.