

The Former Stag Brewery Development – Ref: APP/L5810/W/24/3339062

Dear Holly Dutton.

I write on behalf of myself, as well as being the co-ordinator of our Neighbourhood Watch.

Mortlake is a small area of SW London. It is enclosed by the River Thames on one side, and the Southwestern Railway on the other. Both these restrictions mean it cannot expand its road and access infrastructure. The residents are further isolated along the railway side - access is only via 2 level crossings from the South. (Sheen Lane and White Hart Lane)

The area is virtually all densely populated housing - mainly maisonettes and flats.

Ever since the closure of Hammersmith Bridge by Mayor Khan - all that traffic has been diverted to use Chiswick Bridge and Kew Bridge - both, now accessed, by using Mortlake as their diverted route. This has resulted in massively increased traffic in Mortlake, and daily gridlocked queues which also grid lock most of SW London.

I have not been able to drive out of Mortlake at a weekend to see my family - in over 2 years!!

Getting in and out of Mortlake is, at best, hit and miss. And finding anywhere now for residents to park is commonly impossible. We see cars cruising around for hours each day - desperately seeking a place to park. The CPZ reduces parking spaces further by 8 spaces per road.

This Council constantly ignores residents pleas about suspect planning decisions - all of which adversely affect, and increase the difficulties which have been inflicted upon residents. It appears concerns for residents - are not concerns for the Council!!

Already, last week, an elderly woman collapsed in White Hart Lane (I think she may have died) - but we could see the ambulance that had been summoned, with blue flashing lights....waiting in gridlocked traffic...unable to reach her!!!

The Barnes Hospital development(s) are already causing awful issues - flagged by residents, and again ignored by the Council - and the Stag Brewery proposals are even worse.

We have lost count of the number of insignificant amendments sent to us with "the latest proposals"....all no doubt hoping people will simply give up explaining the chaos this development will cause. This may be because none of our Councillors actually live in Mortlake (not even the Ward Councillors) - therefore it seems they look after their own areas more carefully.

In the current proposals - Where are the social houses? Where are the increased access roads? Where are all the new houses - that should have their own "off-street" parking spaces. Where are the measures to cope with hugely, and further increased, traffic and parking issues. Also - our drains overflow into our streets at every shower of rain....where are the plans to cope with massively increasing the pressure on the drainage system.

Mortlake has only one single track road through it.....there is nowhere else for roads and traffic to go.

At 9 storeys high - it will also be by a significant margin....by far the biggest and heavily overbearing structure in the area.

This development will triple the current population of Mortlake.

The equation is clear - the proposal is madness....and because this council keep on and on with more and more massive "over-developments" schemes the area and infrastructure, and residents cannot cope with....it needs to be stopped and something far more suitable and sustainable devised to replace it.

I am very happy to make myself, and other residents, available for further comments and discuss our real concerns if that would be of help. This proposal is being forced through – but

in so doing – will drastically reduce living conditions in Mortlake, but also affect the whole of SW London.

But be assured - this development will utterly destroy residents lives in Mortlake.

Regards

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