

Our reference: COM103792331

Application number: 2018/3810

Application address: Jolly Boatman And Hampton Court Station Redevelopment Area, Hampton Court Way, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9AE

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 28 Jan 2019

Comment: It is my every intention to inform Elmbridge Council that I object to the proposed development '2018/3810'. I have lived here since 2001. My family has been here since the 1970s (first on Arnison Road, then Beauchamp, then Avern,) and thereby I feel that my view is of at least some value. Much of Hampton Court's charm lies in its proximity to London, without the urbanisation. It is one of the last Zone 6 areas that does not look like the inner city, because it is not. The proposed building would be a step in the wrong direction with regard to preservation of the historic area (which is already under great threat from the developers who demolish non-listed building of historic significance.) It would be only a matter of time before Hampton Court is carpeted by concrete and breeze block. While this would attract property buyers in the short term, it would drastically decrease the desirability of the area, harming not only those local residents (many of whom have lived here for a very long time) but also the potential local property market. With regard to possible Brexit fallout this is of particular concern. It is my suggestion that if development is to take place, that it be in the areas that need it - i.e. West Molesey. England's cultural heritage, of which local architecture is of great importance, must be preserved. This 'development' threatens this notion.