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Application number: 2018/3810

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

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Comment type: You object to the planning application

Date of comment: 06 May 2021

Comment: I would like to object to this planning application because the style of the buildings is out of scale and keeping with the local environment. Given the historical significance of the site a building with respect for the site lines with views to the palace and an architectural style which respects and links to the history of the area would be much more in keeping. It would be wonderful to see something built that is unique and that the area could be proud of. It is in the power of the planning authority to set the tone for the style of buildings in the area and have some vision for the look of new buildings. The proposed buildings could be anywhere in any city and make no architectural reference to the site. I believe this is a missed opportunity for architectural creativity. In addition, as a resident of Thames Ditton I am concerned that the removal of the station car park will inevitably move the commuter parking onto any available free on-street parking. Since the roads around Hampton Court already have parking controls this will mean the problem will move to residential streets further away from the station. I am also concerned about the environmental impact of this development since the site of the old Jolly Boatman has been left wild for several years and is home to many species of wildlife. This site should be subject to a proper wildlife audit before planning permission is given.