

MBCG Meeting 19 September 2016

Summary of events since last meeting in July

1. Following the presentation on 18/7 about plans for the site from the developers and architects, Peter Eaton summarised issues and concerns aired at the meeting and sent an email to the developers, Dartmouth capital

See Annex A: Points raised at meeting of MBCG, 18/7/2016

2. Guy Duckworth of Dartmouth subsequently invited the MBCG core group member to a meeting at his office to give his response - this took place on 10/8.

See Annex B: Note of meeting between MBCG core and Dartmouth, 10/8/2016

3. Members of the MBCG core group met on 18/8 to discuss next steps and agreed to write to Lord True, Leader of Richmond Council

See Annex C: Letter sent to Lord True

4. Richmond Council consulted over the summer on the borough plan; this included assumptions about the future of Mortlake. Tim Catchpole of the MBCG core group sent in comments

See Annex D: Views on the Borough plan as it affects Mortlake and the brewery site

Current state of play

It is clear that the developers' plans are taking shape and they are pressing ahead with a timetable to planning applications starting in 2017. The community engagement consultants, Soundings, are hosting local events in September/October. So, over the summer, the following have emerged as major issues:

- Density of the development. Up to 1,000 properties are likely to be proposed, with one car parking space per property. The reaction at our meeting of 18/7 does not seem to have affected this thinking. We are now looking at a range of evidence from other developments to enable us to challenge the density.
- Transport and traffic. While transport consultants have been appointed by the developers, all the necessary assessments have not yet taken place.
- Secondary school. The original planning brief included a primary school; this was switched by the Council to a secondary school last November, a change likely to entail building on part of the open field. 1,000 places with up to 250 staff are envisaged but as of mid-August, the developers had not received any detailed specification from the Council.
- Thames Bank. The potential for privacy intrusion was fed back to the developer and a follow up meeting with Thames Bank residents was held on 6/9.
- Multiple design and lay out issues will need our attention as well as the major issues above.