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Our Ref: SO11201

1 March 2021

Dear Robert,

**Re: Former Stag Brewery planning application, GLA reference: 4172b**

I strongly welcome your holding direction on the Former Stag Brewery planning application presented by developer, Reselton Properties, to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

I very much hope that you will take this opportunity to reflect on whether this application and the process that will decide it conform with your recently stated support for localism in the planning system.

In your department's response of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to my request that you call in the Homebase, Manor Road application (GLA ref: 4795) I was told "The Government's position is that these matters are generally best determined locally, by local councils that know their own area best, rather than by central Government."

In December 2020, in a letter to Mayor Khan, you wrote, "I believe boroughs should be empowered to choose where tall buildings are built within their communities." You urged him to ensure his new London Plan reflected that.

With these localist principles in mind, I would be most grateful if you let me know whether you intend to refuse Reselton's amended application in favour of the earlier, more modest Applications A and B that were granted permission by Richmond Council, in January 2020.

Reselton's amended proposals for the site's apartment blocks envisage urban levels of height and density, which would make them wholly out of scale and context with the surrounding suburban area. In addition, local streets will not be able to cope with the influx of road traffic generated by this development, both during the construction phase and after, especially while we have no firm date for the reopening of Hammersmith Bridge. Already, roads in the area are congested and residents refer to Chalkers Corner, which will become the main gateway to the development under the amended proposals, as "Chokers Corner".

So, with this in mind, with both local community and council united in their opposition to the oversized and incongruous residential and commercial elements of the developer's amended proposals, which are so at odds with the Local Plan, I would ask you to call in this application. This would enable a decision to refuse to be made, which would accord with the localist principles you have espoused to the Mayor of London and myself.

I very much look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah Olney". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Sarah" and the last name "Olney" clearly distinguishable.

Sarah Olney  
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park