

# Have you heard about St Mary's plan to build a **STUDENT CITY**

**WE WANT TO PROTECT OUR VILLAGE!**



Please help us stop them from building something like this on open land.

**The Village needs your support to STOP THIS PLAN  
Make your voice heard!**

- **3000 more students**, nearly doubling the student body
- **11** new student housing blocks
- **15 new buildings** on designated "**Metropolitan Open Land**"
- Fields and running track to be built over
- Parking and traffic chaos and restrictions on nearby roads

**Come to the SMU Masterplan open evening on Monday 24th April.**  
Please join fellow Strawberry Hill residents at the main entrance of SMU  
at 5:40pm on April 24th to talk about our concerns.

Join [neighboursofstmarysuniversity.com](http://neighboursofstmarysuniversity.com) & fight against a student city!  
We are a local residents group set up specifically to fight this expansion.  
A list of whom to write to at Richmond Council is available on our forum.

See SMU's full plan at [www.stmarys.ac.uk/community/masterplan.aspx](http://www.stmarys.ac.uk/community/masterplan.aspx)

# LOCAL OBJECTIONS TO THIS EXPANSION:

## 1. Metropolitan Open Land

Local open space is in short supply; we cannot **lose precious green space**. This proposal does not meet any of the London Policy exceptions to restrictions on building on MOL.

## 2. Broken development promises

When permission was granted to build the new Sports Hall at St Mary's, the university and the council agreed in writing that **St Mary's would never request to build on remaining MOL**. St Mary's is trying to break this contract less than 10 years later.

## 3. The Council should protect the interests of residents first.

We expect Richmond Council to hold St Mary's University to its promises. We **cannot allow our council to work against the interests of residents**.

## 4. Destroying the character of Strawberry Hill Village

St Mary's is surrounded on all sides by residential streets, which would be impacted aesthetically by the increased building density and student numbers. **Increased noise, tall buildings, loss of parking** and over development of the site are all strong objections this plan.

## 5. Traffic congestion and parking

**3000 extra students** and hundreds of additional staff would create more local travel and parking problems in our village.

## 6. SMU sports facilities needed by local community

Many youth sports clubs and schools depend on village access to St Mary's sports facilities to provide sport for local children. **Facilities will be lost to Strawberry Hill**, and extensive development of the Teddington Lock site on Broom Road would be needed to replace them.

## 7. Increased noise and anti-social behaviour by students

Students at the University have a poor track record for behaviour in our village. Event noise and music from the SU bar are also a re-occurring problem. **(These nuisances will be worsened by increased student numbers)**.

## 8. Strawberry Hill House and Grounds

Our neighbourhood jewel is a grade 1 listed building set in expansive grounds. Historic England offers protection not only to its setting but the views from it.

**Don't let the Council and University spoil our village.**

**Historic England share our concerns.**

**Write to your Councillor - see the help section at  
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