

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 18/2977/FUL

Address: Marble Hill HouseMarble Hill ParkRichmond RoadTwickenhamTW1 2NL

Proposal: 1. Marble Hill House: External decoration and repair work (if a window is substantially rotten, partial or full replacement of joinery) and replacement rooflight. 2. Stable Block: External alterations, installation of mechanical plant, timber plant enclosure to the rear and front landscaping (creating an outdoor seating area) to facilitate the refurbishment of the existing café.3. Service Yard: new pedestrian access and associated refuse storage facilities.4. Landscaping: new soft and hard landscaping including restoration of gardens, upgrade of sports pitches and facilities, replacement of seating and new play areas.5. Sports Centre: External ramp for improved access.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Support the proposal

Comment: The proposal as outlined will greatly improve many aspects of the Marble Hill park and house. It will refresh the sports facilities, that are an important part of the function of the park, and make them more accessible. It will rejuvenate the café (which personally I would prefer to have a higher capacity and more visibility so that it brings more life to the Park). It will also open up parts of the Park that have frankly been neglected over the years and are overgrown and not of great use or interest. I am very supportive of the attempts to be faithful to the historic garden, without recreating it. Indeed if anything I think that the importance of this garden (as an example of really important gardens in Twickenham and St Margarets that have been of historic importance) should be more emphasised. I also welcome the renovation of the building and making it more available, so that the house sits in the centre of the park as a living part of it, rather than a rather sad monument that is not part of the life that goes on around it.

I have played in the park with my children over the years, this is where they learned to ride bikes. I often run or walk through the Park. Marble Hill Park is an important part of the community, but it could be so much more alive and vibrant. These plans go a long way towards achieving this, an important first step. It would be good in future to tie this development with Orleans Gallery and the riverside area to really provide an interesting area for the local population that can be used for sport, leisure and an appreciation of our history.