

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: Marble Hill is the only surviving Thames side villa (as opposed to palace/mansion) which has substantially retained its context. As such it is key to the understanding of the ideas of Pope's generation that profoundly altered the notion of landscape and created the idea of an Arcadian Thames which had enormous influence on future landscape design. The house itself is an early and very pure example of neo-Palladianism. It has become sadly decayed and the landscape degraded and has lost much of the original form as represented by the drawings used as the basis for the English Heritage application. The application has clearly been very thoroughly researched and appears at least to address some of the problems of viability. English Heritage must be give a chance to make the site financially viable. I strongly support the application.