

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: Object to the proposal

Comment: Whilst I support the regeneration of Marble Hill house in general, I object to the overall proposal due to aspects of the landscaping and parking. Having read through the letters of support and objection, it appears that many support the general idea, but aren't as keen on a few aspects of point 4 - and this is true of support and objection comments.

Regarding point 4 I have concerns in relation to the river vista and damage to woodland that is home to protected species. I can not understand why hundreds of trees that are home to local wildlife are being destroyed, while new ones being planted precisely where many people come to enjoy the view? This just seems like a folly and I particularly object to the cynical way this was presented as regenerating a historical garden. Presumably this will cost more to upkeep and there just doesn't seem to be a requirement for it. Children love to roll down the hill, families have picnics, dogs run about in the open space - there is so much work to be done I would love to see this aspect changed and the money and effort go elsewhere in the project.

The other concern I have which has not been satisfactorily addressed, is how the parking/ access will work. I'm not sure how Orleans School will be able to help Monday to Friday when it is obviously full, as well as being used for rugby parking on rugby days.

I hope that English Heritage can refine point 4 and that the rest of the restoration goes well.