

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: I have already sent a communication to English Heritage on the subject of parking concerns on Richmond Road which they advised is LBRUT's responsibility to resolve.

I object to planning permission being granted until the impact of increased visitor numbers on already limited parking has been fully assessed and the parking concerns of both local residents and local business permit holders have been properly addressed and, most importantly, satisfactorily resolved.

The traffic and parking assessment carried out by English Heritage indicates the existing car park capacity at Marble Hill will be adequate for average peak days for the proposed increased number of visitors. This, however, is fundamentally flawed because it fails entirely to recognise the reality that many visitors to Marble House & park choose not to use the car park, preferring instead to park in the mixed use bays on Richmond Road / nearby streets as they are cheaper/more convenient.

That parking is already incredibly difficult at peak times has in recent years been recognised by LBRUT for a limited number of local residents in CPZS1. I am a Zone S resident living on Richmond Road directly opposite Marble Hill on Road. I am also a local small business owner (I have a small independent shop in Crown Road) - I require my van (business permit) to carry out my business and depend on the limited number of mixed use bays on Richmond Road for parking my van and loading and unloading/ transferring stock. I work weekends and find frequently on winter weekends with intense sporting activities (rugby / football), sunny summer days (and specifically weekends), light summer evenings (cricket in park) I am unable to park. Sometimes I am forced to park my van a very significant distance away which unequivocally adversely impacts my ability to carry out my business.

I can only see the current situation worsening regardless of any stated plans to encourage visitors to access Marble Hill by means other than car. The reality is that as it stands current plans allow Richmond Road (& nearby adjoining) mixed use bays to be a "de facto" Marble Hill car park / overflow/ extended car park facility - entirely to the detriment of local residents and in my case a local business owner. Such a situation is not acceptable.