

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 19/0646/FUL

Address: Greggs Gould Road Twickenham TW2 6RT

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings (with retention of single dwelling) and redevelopment of the site to provide up to 116 residential units and 175sq.m commercial floorspace; landscaped areas; with associated parking and highways works and other works associated with the development.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: 1. The height of the development is overly invasive to immediate properties, creating an oppressive overlooker and is completely out of character with the existing residential properties - this development is meant to be in keeping not just a replacement for the existing ugly industrial buildings.

2. The number of units is highly excessive, and that, related to the 'community space' is ridiculous - this is clearly a scheme to make the most possible profit by building as many properties as possible.

3. Community benefits - this is very dubious. Again the density of the development does not allow for this properly. If you are creating properties designed for families then you need to provide suitable spaces for them to live there and not just pack the properties in and as a small concession to other local residents create a partial walkway along the Crane River. If you are going to do this e.g. the bridge, it needs to be paid for fully and not 'suggested as possible in the future' as we all know that is never going to happen.

4. Parking provision - this is a very serious issue. The local area has recently been made a CPZ and there are further moves to extend this beyond Meadway and other roads nearby. It is totally unacceptable to not provide adequate parking within this development for the number of residents and totally unrealistic to say that providing less parking spaces will encourage less cars. You absolutely have to provide more than one parking space per family/house/flat and extra parking for visitors/work vehicles so that the existing roads and pressure on parking in the area is not made untenable. If you add 116 properties but don't do this, the residents in this new development will use the local roads to park outside the CPZ times. And to say that parking permits will not be issued for other local roads to people living in this new development is nonsense as we all know that this will eventually be withdrawn. The developer simply needs to be more realistic and accept less profit in order to do this. There is virtually no family who would only have one car and never any visitors - that is a ludicrous premise and proves that the developer is simply not considering the realities of living in this area.

5. Impact on traffic volumes - this is bound to increase and needs to be very carefully considered especially around junctions - this is difficult enough at the moment as there are a number of busy areas around the local roads, where you have to reverse to get past other oncoming vehicles and do not have safe views around corners etc.