

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 20/0222/FUL

Address: Land Ajacent To38 - 42 Hampton RoadTeddington

Proposal: Erection of a two storey residential building with accommodation within the roof to provide 14 flats (11 x 1 bed & 3 x 2 bed units) with associated car parking and landscaping.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: I object on 6 grounds:

1. Overlooking: the proposal includes balconies and windows overlooking adjacent properties which is an invasion of their privacy.
2. Loss of visual amenity. When the main building was an office building (previously Haymarket Publications, then Byrne Brothers) this part of the site was a fine landscaped area with mature trees which was in balance with the size and prominence of the office building . It was a handsome corner which, together with the building of townscape merit, provided a pleasant visual amenity. This proposal, like its predecessor, will build on the remaining bit of open space; the trees gone and the pleasing aspect replaced with unsightly over-development.
3. Adequacy of parking/loading and turning. There are already over 40 flats on this site, and this proposal would take it to almost 60 with a total of 100 or more people living cheek by jowl. There is not enough space for safe vehicle access to and from the site. The opening in the vehicle gate is narrow and it is situated at the junction of Hampton Road and Anlaby Road. The area is already being consulted for CPZ because parking is at a premium. The number of parking spaces proposed (and already provided for) the flats is insufficient.
4. Connected with point 3 above is the question of road safety. Traffic along Hampton Road ignores the 20 mph speed limit and cars typically come around a blind bend at around 30 mph or more. This is an accident waiting to happen.
5. There seems to be little or no thought to landscaping. The once fine gardens have gone, and the new propsoal builds up to the boundary with no space for screening of this proposed ugly building by trees.
6. Local planning policy was for this land to be used for employment - not speculative building of more flats that few wish to or can afford to buy. They have been unable to sell the 'tail' of the first lot of flats they created almost 3 years ago. Presumably because they know the developer wants to cram another building on the site.