

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 20/1496/FUL

Address: Harrodian School Lonsdale Road Barnes London SW13 9QN

Proposal: Erection of a two storey with basement level sports and cultural centre on the current tennis courts site and associated hard and soft landscaping. Relocation of the tennis courts to the current sports pitch. 2 x one storey changing rooms with shower and WC facilities to the east of the current car park. Proposed boundary treatments and hardstanding for access from the car park.

Comments Made By

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Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: The Application makes it clear that the new facilities will be used for sporting and other events including shows, parties, discos etc and it will include seating for 400 seats.

We are all very aware of the school's habit of hosting numerous parties, discos etc with extremely loud music played well past midnight. I believe that having a new building like this will only encourage them to have more of these events, with the associated disturbance.

The school is also planning to make the facility accessible to the general public on weekdays from 6.30 pm to 10 pm and on Saturdays from 2 pm to 7 pm, when the access route will be Lowther Rd, not Lonsdale Rd. This is apparently for "security reasons".

I believe this will lead to a significant number of visitors who will need to park their cars in the neighbouring roads which are already occupied with a combination of residents' vehicles and school parents and then there is the additional associated flow of people that will be going in and out of the facility during the early evening and at weekends. I believe the roads most likely to be affected are Lowther Road, Suffolk Road, Belgrave Road, Parke Road and Ferry Road.

This idea of giving the public access via Lowther Road and not Lonsdale Road highlights the school's level of self interest in wanting to minimise the level of inconvenience to itself whilst not considering that of any other party. Suffolk Road is on the route of the 419 bus and the junction with Lonsdale Road is already congested as existing traffic flows negotiate the parked cars and the bus.

That end of the road also hosts the children's playground, so there is clearly an associated safety issue to be considered, as the road will be significantly more congested than it already is.

In view of the foregoing I object to the Application