

## 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

**Name:** Mrs DONGQING JIN

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### Comments

**Type of comment:** Object to the proposal

**Comment:** I have serious concerns about the new sports centre which will severely affect our neighbourhood. The main reasons are:

- 1, The massive basement construction will bring water table risks to our neighbourhood, as it is so close to the river.
- 2, As a resident of Barnes, we are very proud of the beauty of Leg O' Mutton Reservoir, which is a paradise of a wealth of wildlife, as well as homes of some endangered species. However, we have seen some bats flying around the Harrodian School and have severe concerns about the huge building would block the flight paths and nesting places of them.
- 3, The facility is unnecessarily large, overbearing and close to neighbouring residents, given that the school already has its own theatre and assembly hall, it seems to be unnecessary to have another hall.

As it plans to open for the public, and will be used for sporting and other events including shows, parties etc, it will inevitably cause lots of noise pollution, not only in the weekday evenings but also on weekends, not to mention the antisocial extra lighting at night which will affect our private life and the wildlife in the Reservoir. Undoubtedly our mental health and wellbeing will be severely affected.

In addition, as the route for the 419 bus, Suffolk Road is constantly congested with traffic flow, especially when pupils are picked up/dropped off. With seating for 400 people, the new facility will cause further parking difficulties in Lowther Road, Belgrave Road and Suffolk Road, with residents' cars already parked on both sides, those roads will be overwhelmed in antisocial hours.

- 4, It states that 'Access to the new building will need to be via the rear route for security measures' but there is no indication of which one. I have concerns that the school is intend to use the one on Lowther Road.

According to Decision 00/1134 of 23 November 2000, the Lowther Road Entrance is restricted to entry for ground maintenance only.

'The access hereby approved shall only be used for the servicing and maintenance of the school grounds and access to the electrical sub-station and shall not be used for general public access.

**REASON:** To safeguard the amenities of neighbouring residential properties and the occupiers thereof"

As a result, access to Lowther Road will be unacceptable.

5, Construction access via Belgrave Road is also unacceptable with no consideration of the residents' safety and wellbeing and it will worsen the congestion already caused by the school parents.

In conclusion, I object this proposal.