

St Mary's University, Twickenham

Extension to Jii Block

Planning Statement



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1.00 Introduction & Background

St Mary's University College has occupied its Strawberry Hill Campus since 1925. Subsequently the College has grown in size and influence and is now recognised as a significant institution with a roll of more than 3500 students and 450 staff. Subjects ranging from Sport Science to Theology are taught at both graduate and undergraduate level, making the campus one of the most significant education establishments in the Borough.

This application is made for an extension to Jii Block to create a flexible space for use by the University's 'commuter' students. A space where they can study, eat, socialise and store their belongings.

2.00 Context

The University's site & built environment has evolved over the years, with an eclectic mix of buildings. These vary in style and quality with, no pervading theme or material.

The site is not within a conservation area. Three Listed Buildings are located within the campus (Chapel in the wood - Grade I; Chapel - Grade II; Strawberry Hill (St Mary's Training College) - Grade I). It is understood that St Mary's University have confirmed with London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames' Planning Department that, due to the location, a Listed Building Application is not required or relevant to this application.

Please refer to the The Heritage Statement, submitted with this application, for more in-depth assessment of the context and planning policy. (Key aspects of the planning policy are also reviewed in the following section).

3.00 Planning Policy

SA 8 - St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill - Adopted Local Plan 2018

It is submitted that the proposals will help meet the "... need to improve and upgrade the existing facilities at St Mary's University as well as a need to provide additional educational floorspace..." identified within SA 8 of the Local Plan.

LP29 - Education & Training - Adopted Local Plan 2018

It is submitted that the proposals fall within and will help deliver principals of LP29, and in particular A.4 & A.5:

A.4 "encouraging the potential to maximise existing educational sites through extensions, redevelopment or refurbishment to meet identified educational needs".

A.5 "encouraging flexible and adaptable buildings, multi-use and co-location with other social infrastructure".

Strawberry Hill Village - Planning Guidance SPD Character area 9: St. Mary's University and surrounds

It is submitted that the proposals facilitate "...the opportunity to enhance the visual appearance of some of the buildings within the site through their refurbishment or redevelopment".

4.00 Design Principles

The proposed extension represents an opportunity to improve the building scape, that looks out over the running track and replace the unsightly 'portable cabin' in this location.

The new extension has been articulated as an attractive glazed pavilion, that contributes positively to the appearance of the building frontage, while establishing a strong visual connection from inside the building to the social space and athletics field beyond. The form and material treatment have been arranged to create an attractive 'sequence of events' along this facade, each with it's own unique identity (the Café, new extension, SU Lounge and terrace), engendering a village feel to the social spaces that overlook the sports fields.

The areas of glazing along the east elevation, in conjunction with the rooflights will help create a light, dynamic feel internally.

Glazing has also been used strategically to provide a 'neutral' link between Café and new extension, distinguishing the two and establishing a positive relationship between them.

5.00 Summary

The proposals represent a valuable facility for the University, which will lift and improve the physical environment within the campus and help empower the delivery of high quality education, within the borough of Richmond Upon Thames.