

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 and new all-weather pitch (not fenced). 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.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: Of the 63 households who have supported the application, 19 of these are not in the local community. Object to the proposed size of the sports hall as well as access during construction phase. Breach of: LP 8 – failure to protect the amenity and living conditions of neighbours by locating the building closer than 20m to 79 Lowther rd, incorrect assessment of capacity of road use; LP10 – failure to consider noise disturbance from events; LP45- inadequate assessment of additional traffic. Objection to the use of Suffolk and as access route for the construction phase. Failure to consider alternative proposal made by 47 different households. Concern over bat movements. Quantity of spectator seating not justified -proposal is five times bigger than required size stated by Sports England. Un-neighbourly development. Visual intrusion as structure will be clearly seen from gardens and upper floor windows - change in vista. Big change in noise level not only during construction but thereafter as use as 'sports' hall - they wont exactly be whispering. School is profit-making corporate and has shown to use facilities for money-making functions in the past - includes noise disturbance past midnight. Potential noise and disturbance by 400 spectators coming/going from the venue. Already severely increased congestion (even during lockdown) from parked traffic due to school use as well as new recreational ground on junction of Lonsdale/Suffolk road. Severe congestion caused by parents dropping off and collecting their children from school every day. This causes local residents significant disruption because Suffolk Road is often actually blocked by these vehicles - will be worse with expansion. consultants have not properly calculated the correct number of spaces in any of the streets mentioned and they clearly did not go far enough and include the part of Lowther Road that extends south from Suffolk Road which is always impacted by school parking. The consultants have significantly underestimated the number of spaces that are taken up by residents in all of these streets which makes a significant difference to the impact of additional vehicles on the area. Only thing that school actually needs is a bigger carpark within its grounds so as not to cause so much congestino and traffic to the local area. Problem worse when have a site taking extra 400 spectators! No justifiable reason to route the construction vehicles along Suffolk Road and Belgrave Road other then it would be more convenient for the school to pass this disruption on to its neighbours rather than manage it itself, just like every other school in the area has had to do when managing construction sites. Extreme likelihood of increase in future pupil numbers not taken into account.