

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 21/0847/FUL

Address: The One O Clock Club Marble Hill Park Richmond Road Twickenham TW1 2NL

Proposal: Demolition of the existing buildings and erection of a new building for use as a children's play space, nursery and community hub (Class E(f), Class F2), installation of landscaping and associated works

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

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Noise Levels

My objections also relate to noise levels. Sound tests were carried out in 2018 and 2019 by the Applicant's engineers as to the extent of the noise of the play area as heard from Beaufort Road. They are completely invalid to support the application. First, no indication of the numbers of children using the facility are given for the times the tests were carried out. Second, anyone who visited Beaufort Road would see that the line of three storey houses acts as a dampener of any sound emanating from the site. Third no simultaneous readings were taken on the site itself to see by what degree, if any, sound beyond the perimeter of the site would be lessened.

The reality is that noise levels from the play area are already obvious and at times intrusive to residents who live in Beaufort Road; that has been the situation for many years. Residents have simply put up with it so as not to jeopardise the children's activity. The overall sound level from the site and Marble Hill Park has markedly increased across the years and particularly since the improvement of the sports facilities as well as during events.

Despite their contrary assertions it seems abundantly clear on the totality of the Applicant's documents that greater numbers than the existing users would be using the new facility. It is thus likely that noise levels from the Park generally and from the relevant site in particular will be at uncomfortable levels at greater frequency. Such levels would significantly interfere with the enjoyment of life in my flat in Beaufort Road as they do even from existing usage from time to time.

Letters of Support

The letters in support of this application are in the main worded in very general terms and show an indication of lobbying rather than objective detailed support which addresses valid objections. May I submit that they should not be seen as adding weight to the applicant's case.

Conclusion

I invite the Committee to consider my objections and reject this application.