

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

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: I wish to object to planning application 21/0847/FUL

My objection is based on the following points:

- Visual amenity (but not loss of private view)

The plans presented show an increased number of apparatus including two new water features and a climbing wall in addition to the construction of a new building in excess of five times the footprint of the existing structure. This will result in there being significantly less natural green space in the play area.

- Highway safety

There are already numerous occasions where cars are parked illegally/dangerously on Richmond Road (particularly near St Stephen's Church) as people try to avoid the car parking fees in the park. This can only increase as usage increases.

- Traffic generation

Increased use of the site is likely to lead to increased traffic

- Noise and disturbance resulting from use

The proposed increase of use where 3 organisations are sharing the facility will undoubtedly lead to an increase in use and consequently an increase in noise. The likely increase in operating hours will also mean disturbance. It is important to point out that there is no clear statement around opening hours of the proposed new facility. Opening hours seem to have increased over the 20 years I have lived in Beaufort Rd. Originally the facility was open for 11am till 6pm Monday to Friday during School holidays and 11am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday outside of the school holidays.

- Effect on listed building and conservation area

As per my comment on visual amenity the current but "sketchy" plans do not seem in keeping with the sympathetic improvements being made to the site in general as part of the Marble Hill Revive project. The increase in apparatus will undoubtedly clutter the site and therefore have a detrimental effect on what is a conservation area.

- Layout and density of building

The increase in footprint of the proposed new building coupled with the increase in apparatus from that which is currently there will result in a much more cluttered area with less green space.

- Design, appearance and materials

There is no mention of the materials to be used for the new apparatus. I have previously suggested that all apparatus be painted green to be in keeping with the park surroundings. This was done for the Zipwire but no other apparatus.

- Local, strategic, regional and national planning policies

The current application appears to go against the provisions of MOL (Metropolitan Open Land) and I would challenge the assertion in the application that the VSC (Very Special Circumstances) have been met to justify the implementation of the proposed plans.