Reference: FS385448321

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 21/3107/FUL

Address: Barnes HospitalSouth Worple WayEast SheenLondonSW14 8SU

Proposal: Drop-in full application to supersede residential development zone of previously approved Outline planning permission 18/3642/OUT. Demolition of existing structures and redevelopment of site including construction of three new buildings comprising 106 residential units of mixed tenure (Use Class C3), alterations and conversion of two existing buildings for 3 residential use (Use Class C3), car and cycle parking, 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 the proposed development as I am concerned about the increase in traffic on South Worple Way (SWW) and the narrow residential roads in the vicinity.

The White Hart Lane (WHL) and SWW junction is narrow and immediately adjacent to the railway line and railway crossing, which already causes problems with queues and turning into SWW from WHL, especially if there are cars wanting to leave SWW (turn right only) at the same time. Presently, vehicles often have to drive on the pavement to manoeuvre their way around this junction which is dangerous to the traffic by the crossing and if you are walking there at the same time.

SWW is predominantly a single lane road (wider by the hospital site but with parking bays) but it is sometimes treated as 2 lane by cars using the pavement if there is no giving way when cars are coming in opposite directions near the WHL/SWW junction, by the graveyard and by the Queens Road junction, leading into The Royals. The pavements on SWW by the graveyard and The Royals and at the WHL/SWW junction are narrow and effectively one way. Presently one person has to walk in the road to let other pedestrians + pushchair/ children/ dogs coming in the other direction pass. Construction lorries, as well as increased refuse collection/ removal lorries and extra couriers/ delivery/ service provider vans and general increased traffic for residents and SEN and healthcare hub visitors from the proposed scheme, are potentially only going to make this more dangerous.

When cars do give way to traffic this can cause bottlenecks and queues at eg the junction with Queens Road by the railway footbridge when 3 directions of traffic converge. This isn't safe for pedestrians and causes traffic idling.

In addition SWW is already treated as a "rat run" when nothing is coming in the other direction.

A one way system may help, but if you force traffic to turn right from the development, you are exacerbating the WHL/SWW junction issue and if you force traffic from the proposed development to turn left, that is going to be a lot more traffic, cars and larger vehicles, wiggling around small, already busy, narrow residential roads, including The Royals, where there are already a lot of children, pushchairs, dogs, older residents, narrow pavements and parked (on the pavement) cars on both sides of the roads. Introducing more traffic into these roads will potentially increase road safely, parking and pollution issues.