

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 21/3107/FUL

Address: Barnes Hospital South Worple Way East Sheen London SW14 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: This development will cause significant traffic generation problems, risk highway safety and will result in increased noise and disturbance in a highly residential area, both as the site, if the proposal is approved, is developed and on an on-going basis thereafter. Entirely insufficient consideration has been given in the development proposals to these problems, all of which are within the scope of the planning criteria set out on the Richmond Council website.

Road access to the proposed site is highly limited, principally S Worple Way. To the east, the junction at White Hart Lane is already congested and safety will be further compromised by the impact of the level crossing on traffic trying to turn into or from S Worple Way from White Hart Lane. Pollution will also increase at this location due to the impact of the level crossing/increased traffic. To the west, S Worple Way is a narrow road which does not allow for two way traffic. Traffic, including large delivery vehicles, will inevitably try to use this from/to the west as access to/from the proposed site. This will lead to congestion, pollution and will risk the safety of other users, especially cyclists and pedestrians in what is at present a quiet road. Car parking will not be safe there, so increased pressure will result on existing residents' parking elsewhere in the Zone. In addition, and this is most significant, traffic to and from the proposed site will use the roads from S Worple Way to the Upper Richmond Road, especially Queens Road, Trehern Road, Princes Road and Kings Road. These roads are narrow, entirely residential and do not allow two way traffic. The impact on these roads for residents will be very significant as a result of traffic congestion, noise, pollution and safety. These roads form an important and presently safe community for residents, many of whom are young families with children: increased traffic will damage this community by congestion, noise/pollution and risk the safety of residents and especially of their young children.

All these concerns apply equally with respect to the development activity that would result if the proposal is approved. Heavy vehicles already cause significant risks especially when they try to navigate the narrow turns in local roads. If this traffic increases the impact, judged against all the planning criteria noted above, will be very damaging.