

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 22/3139/FUL

Address: Thames Young Mariners Base Riverside Drive Ham Richmond TW10 7RX

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and construction of replacement buildings with associated residential accommodation, changing block, replacement staff accommodation and outdoor activity equipment including high ropes, climbing wall, coasteering course, supporting pontoons with associated hard and soft landscaping and parking.

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Comments

Type of comment: Support the proposal

Comment: I fully support this application.

I ask the councillors to think back to a childhood or school memory. Do you remember the maths lessons or the being seated at a desk? Or do you remember the outdoor activities, the school camp week? There is so much academic literature that proves the benefits that this facility will provide. The challenges (through managed risk) and opportunities for personal pride, and sense of achievement, will have positive benefits, transferable to other areas of life. This is what the additional outdoor activity equipment including high ropes, climbing wall, coasteering course, supporting pontoons, improved hard and soft landscaping and parking can provide.

Although it will require the demolition of existing buildings in order to construct replacement ones, including residential accommodation, changing block, replacement staff accommodation, the standard of re-construction and suitability for purpose future-proofs the setting, in order to support the health and well being of children not just now, but well into the future.

I note that there are many sustainable credentials in the planning development including solar panels, air source heating, almost carbon neutral, electric charging points, and extensive planting/landscaping to improve biodiversity, all positives to minimise the environmental impact of the project.

This project has been carefully and thoughtfully planned, and is driven by increasing the opportunity and participation in all year-round outdoor learning experiences to improve the physical health, emotional well-being and social development of children, young people, vulnerable adults and families.

I fully support this application.

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