

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 22/3004/FUL

**Address:** Kneller Hall Royal Military School Of Music Kneller Road Twickenham TW2 7DU

**Proposal:** The demolition of existing modern buildings on the site and the conversion of and extensions to Kneller Hall and other ancillary buildings associated with the former royal military music school to a day school (Use Class F1), together with the construction of associated new purpose-built buildings including teaching space, indoor sports facilities, sporting pavilion and forest school building. Alterations to the existing playing fields, to include an all weather pitch with fencing, flood lighting to existing tennis courts, sustainability measures and re-turfing. Provision of a new access from Whitton Dene, and other ancillary works including parking areas, hard and soft landscaping, lighting, access alterations and energy centre. Internal and external alterations to Kneller Hall and the curtilage listed buildings to facilitate the day school use, including demolition and rebuilding of single storey extension to the west wing of Kneller Hall, extension to the Band Practice Hall and re-opening of Whitton Dene site entrance.

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

**Type of comment:** Object to the proposal

**Comment:** I strongly object to the reopening of the entrance in Whitton Dene. The entrance is directly opposite the bus stop, the road is narrow, and on a bend it is extremely difficult for buses and large vehicles to pass each other on this stretch of the road and often one has to mount the pavement. Those who live near this proposed entrance will tell you of the difficulty on Rugby days when coaches come along this stretch of the road, not to mention all the big cars. It is extremely difficult to cross this part of the road as a pedestrian as there is a blind spot and vehicles parked. There are zero pedestrian crossings in this part of Whitton Dene - people alighting from The H22 bus, or the elderly trying to reach the shop have great difficulty - you take your life in your hands.

There have been multiple accidents along this stretch of the road, and on the corner of Whitton Dene as cars go too fast - the junction of Whitton Dene by the Whitton Dene Open Space has had many cars end up in the fence over the years. I envisage school children coming out of this proposed entrance and being knocked down as they try to catch the bus. Parking in this area is also at a premium already - there are insufficient parking spaces proposed within the school, and people will park in the local area which is already congested. Has there been any consultation with Hounslow Council over the proposed increase in the amount of traffic in this area, parking permits?, safe crossings? - the border between Richmond and Hounslow is quite literally a few metres from this proposed entrance.

This stretch of Whitton Dene up to the mini roundabout to Kneller Road is very prone to flooding - pedestrians frequently get soaked, and the road is difficult to navigate by car when this happens - considerable improvements would be needed to a road which has not been designed to take so much traffic.

Then there is the issue of the trees and the wildlife, the added noise and air pollution - the trees need to be protected and added to to provide a haven for all the birds and wildlife in the area.

An entrance to the school along Kneller Road near Chase Bridge School would make much more sense as there is much more provision for safe road crossings, however it would dramatically increase the amount of traffic heading in the direction of the Chertsey Road.

I have lived in this area for many years - I am not against a school providing it takes into account the local residents, and having coaches coming and going twice a day, plus the big cars which will inevitably come too is going to be to the detriment of the area.