

## 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:** Make a general observation

**Comment:** I would make the following comments on the above application:

1. The twice a day dropping off and collecting children from the school is likely to cause traffic congestion and pollution within the immediate area as already occurs at Chrane school. There will also be the safety aspect of children crossing the road at a dangerous junction. How will this be controlled and policed?
2. 'Community use' appears to be for sports only. Should there be other facilities for local people such as community rooms, music facilities, etc?
3. There is a real sense of calm open space at present when passing the site. Whitton, over the years, has lost a lot of this openness to housing. Will the views and this 'breathing space' be properly maintained?
4. There are many important and interesting features of Kneller Hall, both externally and internally. Will these be maintained and protected for the foreseeable future?

In principle I have no objections to the proposed reuse of the site as a school with the concerns and provisos above.