

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: Whilst I welcome the school, I am concerned by the reopening of the Whitton Dene entrance on this narrow road and the lack of sufficient parking spaces on site (non for parents dropping off children). This will lead to sizeable numbers of parents parking on side roads like Kneller Gardens plus a huge increase in traffic. Parking is already at a premium for residents.

The roads are narrow and not designed for large numbers of cars so will become congested, holding up local residents trying to get to work, making it hard for residents to access or leave their homes. As the cars idle in traffic, this will increase pollution levels. Cars will try to take short cuts to avoid the queues leading to rat runs on neighbouring roads. It seems contrary to the mayor's policy of decreasing pollution levels in all London boroughs.

I note another objector refers to the data used to try to predict the level of traffic as data from 2013. If this is so, the data is out of date so unreliable.

It would be more sensible to have the main entrance/exit to the school on the main road where the traffic could flow more easily and to have more parking available on what is a large site. I would hope that the school would wish to start off on good terms with its neighbours as many of us are very positive about the new school, but poor traffic planning could cause much ill feeling.