

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: Submission Part 3 from Whitton ward councillors, Cllr Humphreys, Cllr O'Carroll & Cllr Sehra

Re-opening of Whitton Dene Gate

Regarding the entrance/exit on Whitton Dene we have concerns with regards to the use of these gates for larger vehicles, in particular delivery trucks and refuse lorries as we worry that there is insufficient turning space.

The road is very narrow with poor sight-lines due to bends in the road. There is well used parking on one side, this cannot be changed as residents do not have the option for off-road parking. The proposed gate is very close to bus stops/cages on both sides of the road that serve the H22 bus that passes along this stretch of the road in both directions every 15 minutes. Vehicles have problems passing each other on this road, and the pavement is a major walking route for children going to and from nearby schools. We are therefore worried that larger vehicles will struggle to turn in and out of this gate safely. Please note that the drawings on page 21 of the Delivery Service Waste Management plan do not show the bus stop/cage that is on the same side of the road as the gate.

Ideally the refuse store would be moved to the occasional coach parking area so that refuse trucks can use the main gates on Kneller Road, and we believe that any delivery vehicles over a certain size should not be permitted to use the Whitton Dene entrance. For all vehicles that do use this entrance the drawings on page 21 of the DSWM report indicate that vehicles leaving the site will only be permitted to turn left, and that drivers will only be able to enter the site by turning left off Whitton Dene.

We hope that vehicle size restrictions will be secured through a planning condition and that the left turn only as described above will apply to all vehicles using these gates and is made a condition of permission to open up this entrance.

Finally, we have concerns regarding sight-lines due to the high walls on either side of the proposed gate, and therefore feel that the entrance should be staffed as well as having time restrictions on when the gates can be used, with perhaps the entrance being closed from 8.00-9.15hrs and from 14.30-16.00hrs when this stretch of road/pavement will be at its busiest due to drop-off/pick-up times of nearby schools.

