

## 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:** Support the proposal

**Comment:** Whitton Lions Rugby Football Club fully support the proposal. The buildings have had limited to no investment for many years and are in vital need of refurbishment, whilst the large grounds also sit idle without use.

We cannot think of a better alternative use for the site than for school use. In particular, the new plans will enable the community to benefit from the new sports facilities which could be further enhanced if the council permitted floodlights on the grounds. While there may be some environmental concerns with the use of floodlights, as these would only be on for a short amount of time per week, and in contrast to the existing light spill from the neighbouring Twickenham Stadium, the overwhelming benefit of allowing floodlights on the ground should outweigh any minor additional light spill that may come from floodlights on the grounds. Suitable mitigation measures could also be put in place to limit the effects of any floodlighting.

We strongly urge the committee to approve this planning application for the overwhelming benefit of the local community.