



Planning Policy Team
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
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By email to: Planning@richmond.gov.uk

20 April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Application: 22/3004/Ful - Kneller Hall Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Road, Twickenham TW2 7DU

CPRE London is a membership-based charity with 2,500 members across London, concerned with the preservation and enhancement of London's vital green spaces, as well as the improvement of London's environment for the health and well-being of all Londoners.

We are writing to object to the above application on the following basis:

- The public was promised a major new public park and it is entirely wrong that the space should be taken for the benefit of a very few people who will attend the private school, in particular because this is an area of deficiency.
- The application does not respect the provisions of the agreed Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the site to provide a major new public park for the local community.
- This area of the borough is currently deficient in high quality, publicly accessible green space. At a time when many Londoners are struggling financially, the creation of a new park with unfettered public access would provide free space for residents to exercise and socialise and children to play, regardless of their background or income. The new park would have obvious benefits for the local community's health and mental wellbeing and could create volunteering opportunities and the formation of neighbourhood friends' groups to protect and improve this unique green space. If the current proposal is approved, it would be extremely difficult to create a park of this size, in this area, ever again.
- School traffic: No accommodation should be made for parents to drop children at school: there should be a school bus and children attending the school should be required to use it.

We strongly urge the Council to reject the application.

Yours faithfully,

John Sadler

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