

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 23/0741/FUL

Address: Sheldon House Cromwell Road Teddington

Proposal: Demolition of a seven-storey residential building; erection of five-storey residential building plus lift overrun comprising 27 units (including 3 wheelchair units) incorporating cycle storage and refuse/recycling store; creation formation of 6 car parking spaces (including 3 disabled spaces) and 1 delivery bay; landscaping including child play space and ecology area.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: The existing Sheldon House is a striking Teddington landmark, in place for over fifty years; we are all very used to its presence.

In order to achieve a net increase of three apartments, is it really necessary to demolish and rebuild, rather than refurbish and adapt? The streets around Sheldon House have many properties well over a hundred years old – houses, pubs, the railway station etc – which have proved to be eminently adaptable.

On whose say-so is Sheldon House is “unfit-for-purpose”, as it’s described by the architectural practice commissioned to create its bulky replacement – a new building that will have a larger footprint, packed far more tightly into the plot than the existing building?

At a time of acute concern about the environment impact of demolition and construction – the sector generates 18% of UK’s large particle pollution – I should like to understand the argument in favour of demolition rather than refurbishment, and to be satisfied that there is more happening here than a knee-jerk reaction against unfashionable architecture.