



Planning Policy Team
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
Civic Centre
44 York Street
Twickenham TW1 3BZ

12th January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Application: 22/3139/FUL Thames Young Mariners Base, Riverside Drive, Ham, Richmond TW10 7RX

CPRE London is a membership based charity with 2500 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 wellbeing of all Londoners.

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

The development will be heavily car-dependent. This runs against London Plan policy which states that 'car free' development should be the starting point. Richmond Council has set a target for 75% of trips to be by sustainable modes by 2041¹ and it also has obligation to support the Mayor's Transport Strategy to reduce car ownership and car trips in the borough (in favour of public transport, walking and cycling). The proposed development currently does not meet those objectives. Sustainable travel infrastructure could be included if the Council worked with TFL to see if a bus route could be amended so there is a bus stop by the entrance. Otherwise, the area will continue to suffer from an over reliance on private motor vehicles and social isolation for those without access to them.

Indiscriminate and unlimited car parking on the amenity grassland will reduce and damage the habitat of protected species on site such as slow worms. The grassland should be used for leisure activities and wildlife, not car parking.

We are concerned about the ecological impact of lighting from the new development. Ham lands is known for its important bat population, but the planning documents on the public database say very little about the lighting impact and additional ecological surveys should be undertaken to determine this. We would like to see planning conditions for minimal outdoor lighting that is bat-friendly, and measures in the new building like automatic blinds, and window tinting to minimise light spill.

Thank you for considering these points.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ Richmond Active Travel Strategy: Page 6. <https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/20150/richmond-active-travel-strategy.pdf>