

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: Education is supposed to be a top priority and yet the Council has not allowed this application to proceed. The proposal to transform a disused historic building and a derelict site into a modern educational environment is a no brainer – particularly as the counterfactual is just a park! The facilities will breathe new life into the town and not only benefit the children who attend but also the community at large. Local residents will be able to reap the rewards of having access to phenomenal new facilities which would not otherwise be possible without this external investment. Also, don't forget that a new school will bring potential opportunities to support the local economy (e.g. more jobs, more footfall into local shops etc). It is obvious that Duke's Education are doing all they can to work closely with the community to ensure that any possible downsides are mitigated against.

I fully support this proposal and Richmond Council you should too!