

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 22/3139/FUL

Address: Thames Young Mariners Base Riverside Drive Ham Richmond TW10 7RX

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and construction of replacement buildings with associated residential accommodation, changing block, replacement staff accommodation and outdoor activity equipment including high ropes, climbing wall, coasteering course, supporting pontoons with associated hard and soft landscaping and parking.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

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3) The sounding obtained for Mallard place implies the noise from the Thames Young Mariners site is not excessive. This would only be the case if we all sit in the parking area after the school holidays, in late September. Surely these readings should have been taken throughout the length of the estate facing Thames Young Mariners, over a number of days, during the school holidays, and from the grassed area opposite the recreation area where the residents from 71,73,75,77,79,81 are immediately and directly affected by the frequent noise, see the attached Photo B, The noise is audible both in the garden area, and within our house if the patio doors open. The noise comes from children shouting and screaming, and we have heard instructors exhorting them to respond to chants. The noise can occur from early in the morning until late evening, which can be intolerable, let alone distracting.

4) Obviously, we are affected by aircraft noise. However, this is intermittent and governed by wind direction and landing runway alternation, so we do have long periods of quiet. Also our properties are not affected by road noise generated on Strawberry Vale.

5) The report additionally gives a very misleading impression that the "Turks party boats" are an everyday occurrence. If the surveyor had spent some time investigating, they would not have included this misleading information in the report. Public trip/sightseeing boats navigate the river at various time of the day, but party boats going past is an infrequent occurrence- maybe once or twice a month during the height of the season. Other than Christmas and New Year, we do not normally see them during the winter and spring months. When they do appear, they pass within a few minutes. Therefore, any disturbance is very occasional, whereas Thames Young Mariners is open daily.

In conclusion, we believe our quality of life and the reason we chose to live in this beautiful setting is already significantly and adversely affected by the noise from both the children screaming, and the evening events. The denial of past noise and the unfulfilled assurance of no future noise from the children and the evening events, together with a lack of responsiveness to our complaints this month has undermined our trust in the managers of the site and undermined our confidence that they will reduce or prevent noise in future. We are concerned the plans to have even more activities, and to move to a more year-round operation make the current noise problem even worse.

Photo A showing the position where the sounding was recorded, the raised grass flood bank and shrubs, and the willow

tree.

Photo B, The red dot shows the position from where the reading were taken, the yellow outline the properties directly effected by noise and the blue circle shows the main are where the children congregate.

NB We will send the photos to the planning officer