

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: This is an excellent use of a site that stands every chance of being left to rot or destroyed by property developers. Having a school can only enhance the existing buildings, ensure that the sports fields are preserved for local use, and minimise the impact on the local community. Whilst I can see that some would prefer nothing to be done with the site to ensure they are not impacted by any change at all, this is not a reasonable position for such valuable space within the community. Mass housing development would likely be the only profitable way for a developer to be able to proceed. This proposal is funded, and makes best use of the buildings and land to the benefit of all.