

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 23/3208/FUL

Address: St Catherines School Cross Deep Twickenham TW1 4QJ

Proposal: The proposed development is a new Music and Art Building, to improve the facilities at St Catherine's School. The existing single storey music building and 20th century extension to the Lodge are to be demolished, to make space for the new two storey building. The external areas will be improved, with new paving, planting and trees.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: Consultation

It is noteworthy that despite many promises of active neighbour consultation by the School neighbours were not consulted or even notified by the School that they were submitting a new application despite requests for an update on their plans in October last year. The Construction Management Plan states (para 5.8) that during construction consultations would take place with resident groups. However that is to be in the form of monthly newsletters and meetings when required. That does not comprise consultation and a much more pro-active approach is necessary. What about individual neighbours close to the site such as us and our immediate neighbours who would be most directly affected, particularly by vehicle movements? We should be included in an effective consultation strategy that would allow us the opportunity of engaging on construction plans and vehicle movement programme as they develop.

In summary the current application proposal lacks crucial information regarding the impact of construction work and traffic on very significant Grade II* heritage assets. It also has not properly assessed the potential for serious impacts on protected trees, or provided adequate measures to inform and protect residents and their property directly and indirectly affected by any construction work. The proposed development as set out in the application documents is unacceptable and should be refused.

New fence

Can you also please review the new fence that has been installed quite recently along the school boundary/Grotto Road from Cross Deep. It replaces an earlier fence but is higher than that and there does not appear to have been any planning permission granted for the fence at the increased height.

Please keep us informed of the progress of the application. We believe the issues raised require consideration by the Planning Committee and ask that we be informed when that would be