

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 23/3259/FUL

Address: Karslake And Ruston And Ward Buildings At Hampton Water Treatment Works Upper Sunbury Road Hampton

Proposal: Conversion and extension of the site including Ruston and Karslake Buildings and works at basement level to provide 36 no. residential units (Use Class C3) and 318.8sqm flexible business space (Use Class E(g)), associated car parking, access and landscaping works. In association with Listed Building application reference 23/3265/LBC.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Support the proposal

Comment: I fully support the pro sale for this sympathetic redevelopment of these historic buildings. The development provides much needed new housing in the borough, coworking space that complements the neighbouring Touchligh scheme, and a safe crossing for residents, workers and students from local schools to cross the Upper Sunbury Road. Contrary to the transport plan, there is no current crossing provision here, only lights to manage traffic flow.

These are beautiful buildings and without planning approval they will fall into disrepair. There is already evidence of this happening. In addition, as neighbours, we have had to call the police several times to remove young people messing around in the property. Smashing windows and damaging the buildings. On one occasion the building was raided by police who discovered it was being used as a cannabis farm. How is this activity an appropriate alternative to the plans submitted?

There is a difference between conservation and preservation. These plans conserve the historic importance of the buildings while ensuring they are fit for the future and can be used and enjoyed by generations to come. Preserving them in their current state leaves them inaccessible to all, redundant and at risk of falling into complete disrepair.