

## 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:** Object to the proposal

**Comment:** The proposal does not include adequate parking for cars, commercial vehicles and delivery vans or turning space for refuse and emergency vehicles. Seemingly none of the 39 parking spaces will be for designated usage for each of the 36 dwellings or the 3 offices, simply a permit to do so if one is available. Moreover it is stated of these 3 are strictly for the use of disabled persons only, ( no reallocation allowed if not needed), and understandably an unspecified number for only electric vehicles. Allocation of spaces is both contradictory and misleading relying on discretionary and contractual factors and is unrealistic . Instead of highlighting that for residents car parking 'is not possible' it may not be marketed making this clear and illegal and dangerous parking would result.

Thames Close a development of 57 flats and 8 houses immediately next to the other renovated former Waterworks buildings further East along the A308 built 30 years ago, has 84 parking spaces and larger access and turning areas for vehicles of all kinds. The number of parking spaces has never ever been enough and has resulted in continuous miss-use. Also over recent years the enormous increase in domestic deliveries has led to frequent congestion problems within that development. This application even acknowledges that there will be a need for scheduling deliveries and car movements etc. Given the likely frequency this would be impossible to achieve. It is also incorrect to state that there is any spare capacity for on-street parking in the area.

The boundaries of the land the buildings occupy would not permit vehicular access and exit on the Lower Sunbury Road and the two entry and exit points directly onto the A308 highway would give rise to a significant increase in traffic congestion and pollution on a road that is notorious for delays of frequently up to an hour and even longer at certain times of the year.

The need for a controlled pedestrian crossing and traffic, even when moving, to wait for people to cross and vehicles to turn right out of and into the development, would further add to this. The site is not suitable for C3 housing which permits up to 6 people per residence along with all the office workers etc coming and going daily - or several times daily.

The green space opposite in front of the library described as a suitable 'play area' for children, has a LBRT notice saying public access is not allowed and the grass slopes very steeply over a large section that borders the very busy road. There is no hedge along most of it to prevent a toddler from rolling straight into the oncoming traffic and the footballs etc of the older children doing the same. A necessary fence or wall would add further to spoiling of the Rose Hill visual amenity from the library, itself a historic building.

Even if land to the South of the buildings were purchased for much more parking , and in addition to this, something was done about the congestion problems on the A308, the enormous heritage value of these buildings should be fully preserved. I wholly endorse the objection submitted highlighting this. No application resembling that currently being put forward should be considered . Renovation of the buildings should be done only with community use in mind and no loss of heritage features. This wholly commercial development proposal would not only have an adverse impact on the current residents in all of the roads in this Southern, (Conservation Area), part of Hampton and the workers in all the shops and

offices in Station Road be unable to park anywhere near their homes or offices, the costs in time and fuel for all those passing through from the motorways to access their homes in East and West Molesey and the A3 would be enormous and to the detriment of their health and to Hampton and the LBRT. It would be reckless and lamentable to allow destruction of our Heritage for generations to come. I strongly object to the proposal.