

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/1662/FUL

Address: Sion Court Sion Road Twickenham

Proposal: Demolition of 20 derelict garages and one bed flat and redevelopment of the site to provide 2, 1-bedroom and 3, 2-bedroom dwellings, associated private amenity space, communal amenity space, accessible parking space, cycle parking and refuse.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: PART 9

CONCLUSION:

Following repeated planning applications the minor adjustments in this new proposal still do not address the concluding concerns from the Planning Inspectorate: Page 7

- there are no significant changes in the design of these units - they continue to have a poor internal and external environment
- that the proposed Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP) are not shown on the plans – given that they should be 1 metre away from buildings where will they go?
- the noisy environment for all residents and neighbours from the use of ASHP's
- the harmful and intrusive living conditions for residents and neighbours
- the negligible benefit from an unneighbourly and unnecessary example of overdevelopment
- the planned mitigation in pruning that threatens the survival of a large sycamore tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order. The significant growth of this tree since 2014 suggests that its roots and structure cannot be protected from the construction works
- the lack of consultation and acknowledgement of residents – not least of all in planting a tree known to be poisonous
- the need to use an attenuation tank (which will need to be 5M from any building) to address flooding is evidence enough that this development is too dense but it will also deny access for necessary maintenance and emergency services
- there is no Contamination Report to prevent potential health issues for residents when the asbestos roofs are removed
- Richmond's Direction of Travel consultation mentions an increased focus on supporting non-car travel. Removing cycle storage for more than 40 actively used cycles in both Sion and Lebanon Courts denies residents the choice to cycle which makes this a major concern.
- that this is not affordable housing and should be considered an unnecessary development within a Conservation Area upholding Richmond's commitment to this.

In conclusion, the Planning Application 24/1662/FUL should not only be dismissed but any further proposals should not be validated without proof of consultation with residents and the London Borough Of Richmond.

Thank you.

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