

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/1835/FUL

Address: Nelson Primary School Nelson Road Twickenham TW2 7BU

Proposal: Alterations to existing entrance to school car park to provide vehicular and pedestrian access gates, and alterations to car parking layout.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: We would like to object to this proposal for the reasons outlined below and primarily based on the proposal to make the entrance on St Vincent Road the main pedestrian entrance for Nelson Primary School and making St Vincent Road a School Street.

1. The pavements on St Vincent Road are very narrow and already get overcrowded at school drop off and collection times, particularly as both St Edmunds and Nelson school pupils and their families use it; as a result, families are displaced onto the road. Making this a School Street will increase pedestrian traffic to such an extent as to make it dangerous for permitted road users and pedestrians.
2. As it is a narrow cul-de-sac, it is already difficult for vehicles to turn around, and the only safe turning circle is in front of the proposed pedestrian entrance. This turning circle is used by residents, contractors, delivery drivers and emergency service vehicles - it will be extremely dangerous for vehicles to turnaround at drop off and collection times if St Vincent Road is made a School Street. We also have a number of residents who rely on community care services being able to attend their homes to provide care/transportation - these are often large vehicles that need to easily and safely be able to access the road and turn around.
3. Residents of St Vincent Road have not been given a transparent opportunity to provide comment following notification by the Council - we have not received a letter regarding the application and only found out about this yesterday via our street WhatsApp group. The school has also made no effort to engage with St Vincent Road residents regarding this and the application has been submitted during the summer holidays, when many people are away and unable to comment.
4. Residents with children at schools other than Nelson (not necessarily a walkable distance from St Vincent Road) will need to drive their children to/from school at school drop off or collection times and they will need to be able to do this safely. If St Vincent Road and its pavements are crowded with children and parents accessing the entrance at the end of St Vincent Road, it will be hazardous for pedestrians and drivers alike.

On this basis, we object to the proposals in this application.