

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: Object to St Vincent rd being designated as a school street which is documented within the above 'Proposal' submitted for planning.

My reasons are ,

Highway safety:

Increased football on already narrow footpaths adding to the current usage from people using the street as a cut through to the station and other schools in the area at these prime times. This could mean the Road will become an extension of the footpath due to congestion and therefore posing serious safety risks for drivers and pedestrians.

Road access:

Risk of drivers reversing back onto Nelson Road to avoid penalty for driving into the road causing these manoeuvres to pose danger to other drivers and pedestrians.

Restrictions will have implications for other users to access the library, polling days and high street shopping.

Adequacy of parking/loading/turning:

The sole turning point for our street is by the purposed entrance to Nelson school. This area is dusty, the surface is uneven with a large dip (as a result of current usage for vehicles turning around) and generally maintained by residents. The restoration of the barrier was funded by the residents as unsure who is responsible for this patch of land?

There are the risks of trips and falls and potential for triggering respiratory distress due to dust particles from the gravel path.

More seriously with late drop off and early finishes and on event days there is the exponential increase of cars in this area where families and children are congregating leading to poor visibility and potential for injury and collisions.

Drivers avoiding the turning area may start to do 'U' turns on our private driveways and the footpath causing danger to pedestrians.

Our driveway surfaces may be torn up and our drain structures weakened.

Unintentional damage to our property and vehicles from scooters, pushchairs, bicycles and other vehicles having to navigate in such a congested street.

What is to stop cars parking prior to the school street times and adding to congestion and potentially overshooting resident driveways as penalties are only issued for entering without a permit not on leaving the street.

Noise / Disturbance / Smells

Concerns regarding safety for children at the gates as not mentioned in the planning for extra lighting, intercom, cctv nor bins for litter.

Very dark and isolated area at these gates especially in the winter months and no doubt some parents may drop children early to school and with the alarming incidents recently targeting children surely these security factors should be at the forefront of the planning process.

The street will experience an increased level of noise (horns, idling, chatting, screams, crying and shouting even laughter) should this be implemented and residents will be forced to close windows.

Aside from car fumes and the litter which has the potential to grace our now tidy street, I challenge where litter bins could be installed due to the limited footpath space therefore posing a risk of vermin.

Traffic generation:

Events at the school outside of these school times will have an even bigger impact on residents /pedestrians mentioned in the subsections.

To conclude, I would like to return to the planning statement which outlines "... this will mitigate the pedestrian traffic that usually occurs towards the main entrance of the school building" (Section 4, titled 'Proposed').

To me, this appears to be simply relocating an existing problem to a small street nearby, which is less equipped to deal with that volume of people alongside the current footfall.

The majority of my objections are concerned with the general safety of pedestrians, parents and children using the street and consideration is also given to residents of St Vincent Road.

I have observed the rhythms and common use of this little busy street and people stopping to chat. Residents may be forced to erect metal gates to protect their driveways which will turn our street into a soulless row of gates.