

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/2117/VRC

Address: Hampton Pre-Prep And Prep School Gloucester Road Hampton TW12 2UQ

Proposal: Variation of planning approval 13/2102/FUL - Condition Number(s): 13 (U67172) - Restriction on pupil numbers to allow to increase pupil numbers from 144 to 176.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: I am objecting to this proposal on 4 broad themes, these are: adequacy of parking/loading/turning; highway safety; traffic generation; and road access.

The streets surrounding Hampton Pre-Prep and Prep School are mainly quiet residential streets. Scotts Drive and Wensleydale Gardens in particular, already have limited one way access. It is also very rare whilst driving, not to stop on Wensleydale Road and Gloucester Road to allow one car at a time to pass by stationary vehicles. During school pick up and drop off times, the streets already become clogged up and this is without any increase in pupils. Increasing pupil numbers from 144 to 176 will only serve to exacerbate traffic issues for local Hampton residents and will have a negative impact on community relations with the school.

I have been in touch regularly, for over 10 years with the school, about inconsiderate and illegal parking. In some cases, parents have continued to park on double yellow lines (even though this is prohibited); blocked access to driveways; parked on corners and curbs restricting access and sight of oncoming traffic and allowed young children to be let out of cars, directly onto roads, increasing the chance of traffic accidents. Most, if not all of these behaviours are not in accordance with the Highway Code. In the 10 years or so, that I have observed the traffic and congestion around the school, the situation has got worse, not better.

Any increase of pupil numbers without an independently co-ordinated, measured strategy and action plan, to effectively (not theoretically) reduce the traffic should not be considered. I would be happy to discuss my objections with the planning officer as needed. Thank you.