

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: The school was only granted planning permission for 144 pupils "in order to safeguard the amenities of neighbouring residential properties, to ensure a safe form of development in terms of traffic to & from the site & to accord with the terms of the application." There is no reason why these issues of residential amenities and safety should be any less important in 2024.

The current parking and road situation at drop-off and collection is diabolical. Inconsiderate parents block driveways and at times, Wensleydale and Gloucester roads are impassable.

By their own admission, 55% of the prep school children travel in by car so by increasing pupil numbers by a further 32- a bad situation would be far worse.

This residential area was never designed to house a school. We managed with a small neighbourhood school, like Denmead, but the roads are entirely unsuitable for a substantial feeder school to a major independent school.

Moreover, the noise from the school can at times be unbearable for the residents of Wensleydale Gardens. One elderly resident told me recently that the noise at playtime is so loud, that she would now like to move.

More children would mean yet more noise.