

## 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:** This area is already saturated with traffic at morning and afternoon school times and the increase from 144 to 176 will exacerbate the problem.

The school's Transport statement reports that the increase could add 18 or more cars into this area - it adds that this extra traffic can be accommodated and that there is adequate parking.

I disagree with this - the traffic is already a major problem and at times I have found myself out in the road trying to assist drivers who are quite literally stuck in what has turned into a very congested Gloucester Road.

There were months, if not years of discussion, about the increase in size of the buildings and pupil numbers when Denmead was taken over by Hampton School. Traffic surveys were carried out by both the school and neighbours and there were numerous discussions with residents. A Liaison Group was set up to deal with the ongoing issues - now disbanded.

A limit on numbers at 144 was agreed on and even advised for approval by the then LIB DEM MP Sir Vince Cable on condition that traffic was carefully monitored. 144 being the number to "safeguard the amenities of the neighbouring residential properties to ensure a safe form of development in terms of traffic to and from the site"

I would add this is a residential area that was never designed to house a school.

Aside from the traffic, the noise from this school is unbearable at times for the residents who live close by and this increase will further add to noise pollution.

There was a stipulation at the time of the original approval that staff would park on the school site. That is no longer the case and several parking places are taken up by staff.

The parents come and go each year - we live with this on a daily basis.  
It is an ongoing issue that needs to be sorted - certainly not numbers increased!

I ask the councillors to bear this in mind and reject this proposal.