

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 for the following reasons:

- Highway Safety
- Traffic Generation
- Adequacy of Loading/Parking/Turning
- Road Access
- Overlooking/Loss of Privacy

I am in complete agreement with all points raised by other residents in their detailed objections over the issues highlighted above.

The school has a long history of expansion by stealth, namely by giving undertakings as to its future behaviours in exchange for planning permissions and subsequently breaking these undertakings.

• Conditions of previous application 13/2102/DD04 The school's previous application, was subject to 'condition U67172' - that the school would be restricted to pupil numbers of 144. Quote "Condition:U67172 That no more than 144 pupils shall be on school roll at any one time and prior to commencement of the first term of each year in September, the school roll shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority to confirm such compliance. Reason: 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 application."

There has been no change in circumstances or reasons to amend the original reasons for upholding 'condition U67172' and therefore this condition should remain and the application be rejected. I would comment that, as the school has failed in its undertakings/promises and is currently causing huge and increasing problems for local residents, the real issue here is not whether the school should be able to expand further but whether numbers should be reduced from their current level to something more consistent with the local environment.

I would be happy to meet with planners/councillors during pick up/drop off (on a day when the school is not aware of the visit) in order that they can see the problems created by the school for themselves. I also have available dozens of photographs showing inconsiderate, dangerous and illegal parking by school parents.

Our councillors have in the past been broadly supportive of ensuring the needs of local council tax payers and residents have been protected, and I would urge that they remain so in the face of this blatant attempt at expanding the schools' activities and use of local resources for the benefits of pupils and parents who are mostly from outside the borough