

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 strongly object to this proposal.

The reasons for limiting the school roll to 144 were obvious enough when the school planning application was approved. Hundreds of us living around the school made it very clear that our amenity was already impacted by the volume of traffic, inconsiderate and illegal parking from school parents. So why should it suddenly be OK to increase by up to 32 cars? What has changed? In the 8 years since the new school was built, the school management still haven't managed to change the behaviour of parents and their driving habits. If anything, it's become worse. If we have to go the Doctors or hospital we have to arrange appointments to avoid the school run times, morning and afternoon, as the roads become gridlocked. Venturing out by car at these times is impossible.

Our small cul-de-sac was never designed for street parking. It's much narrower than other roads and has no turning area. Cars parking opposite driveways and dropped kerbs cause obstruction. The refuse trucks frequently mount the kerb to turn and so the pavements are broken up. To claim there is space for extra school parking is ludicrous. It is not safe for multiple turning of cars. I remember that the Council has already stated that the cul-de-sacs are not suitable for school parking. Why should the school's greed for growth be more important than our amenity?

The vast majority of pupils are driven by car because they live beyond Hampton and outside the borough. They are too young to cycle on busy commuter routes and public transport is not realistic for busy families travelling from afar. There can be no justification for increasing the school roll when the impact on roads and neighbours is so damaging.