

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: When planning permission was granted for the redevelopment of the school in 2013, there was a bitter dispute with the local residents over how the expansion of the school would affect the already congested roads at school drop off and pickup times. The planning authority agreed with the residents that if the size of the school was to big it would cause major disruption to the local roads and so placed a limit on the size of the school to 144 pupils to try and limit any traffic issues.

As a resident who has lived locally since before the originally redevelopment I can say that there has been a notable increase in traffic at these times, not only in Gloucester Road but also in Carlisle Road and Scott's Drive (despite these smaller roads already having been deemed unsuitable for school parking and turning.)

I am aware that the school has (in line with it's original planning requirements) done traffic surveys, but I feel that these results must be viewed with some scepticism as I know that we as residents have been notified in advance of the survey dates and I feel that is extremely unlikely that the school is also not aware of the survey dates and I also remember discussing with other residents the suspicious lack of vehicles on the survey days.

I feel that any increase in the school size is only going to exasperate the current transport issues and no increase in the school should be considered until the school can put forward and implement a plan that shows car drop off and collection is used by less than 25% of the pupils at the school.