

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: Strongly object on the grounds of further loss of amenity and unsuitable roads for the number of vehicles.

The school is tightly surrounded by residential houses on three sides. We remember when the school operated at a much smaller scale and many pupils were local, so there wasn't the same traffic chaos except on occasional school events. Neighbour relations with the school were friendly because any parking or excessive noise problems were quickly dealt with.

The arrogance of the school to propose increasing pupil numbers is quite shocking, especially given the last ten years of neighbours writing valid objections to show how our amenity has already been impacted upon. All of this seemingly disregarded with this application.

Since becoming part of Hampton School, the small site (which was only recently a school playing field with single storey classrooms) has been over developed for its location. They had to open a new pedestrian entrance in Carlisle Park because the main gate on Gloucester Road couldn't accommodate everyone. This new entrance causes problems with parking on the cul-de-sacs where parents are parking carelessly and the roads are too narrow for their large SUVs to turn safely. The entrance to Carlisle Park from Scotts Drive is on a right-angled bend and drivers coming from Carlisle Road cannot see children crossing from the pavement.

Access is required at all times for some residents who require an ambulance. Parking on bends and opposite house driveways causes obstruction making access difficult.

Any increase in numbers would also have detrimental impact on the community's enjoyment of Carlisle Park. The park is frequently taken over by the school for its own sport and competitions with other schools (causing more inconsiderate parking). It used to be able to accommodate this within its own playing field.

We urge the Council to listen to the reasonable and valid objections of neighbours. How much more amenity do we have to lose? The school's desire to grow is commercially driven. The cost and impact to the local community is already too high.