

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/1985/FUL

Address: Roehampton Gate Cafe Richmond Park Richmond SW15 5JR

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings, revision to site entrances and layout, construction of a new cafe, public toilets and cycle hire building, associated hard and soft landscaping, and a new pedestrian access gate on the park boundary

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: While I do not have objections to the general proposals I have reservations about the new pedestrian access on the park boundary.

The new access gate presumably involves creating a pathway on the Alton Estate side. To date, proposals to do this have not yet been published. I believe they may have negative effects on the amenity value of this part of the estate, particularly on the amenity value of the grassed areas and trees, and also existing listed housing. Also, there is a noticeable litter problem on the existing pathway on Danebury Avenue which will be transferred to the estate. Will cyclists use this new path as a "cut-through", whether or not their use is approved?

I feel a crucial point of the proposed pathway is that it will be created on an incline on the estate side, and a decline on the park side. This would seem to be inappropriate for pram and wheelchair users. The time gained from using the new access would be not only very small as the existing gate is very near the Cafe. Not only is there little time gain, it would seem better to have access to the park on a flat level as at present.