

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/2258/FUL

Address: Unit A Richmond Brewery Stores 18 Petersham Road Richmond TW10 6UW

Proposal: Change of use of ground and first floor office space to music / performance educational premises (class F1-a).

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: Noise:

Although the School of Rock have commissioned and paid for an expensive acoustics report, giving assurances that sound will not travel to the residences above (or will only be below the current ambient traffic noise) the report is littered with phrases like: "there are risks and uncertainties" in their findings. "The actual results may differ materially" from those reported and so cannot be relied upon to be an accurate estimate of potential future noise levels. As a resident, I am highly sceptical that there will be no additional noise, not least because the testing was done in the hallway of the flats above (no one spends time there) but also as it is proposed that the existing windows will be kept with secondary double glazing added. This means that they can still be opened allowing sound to travel to nearby homes, especially if the balconies above the premises are in use.

Access:

The transport report suggests 25 pupils and 15 staff at any one time. Many of these journeys will be done by car as pupils are as young as 8. There is nowhere on the main road to stop legally but if anyone does this will be disruptive and dangerous. It refers to an "existing drop off point." This area is not a drop off point - it is an access road to the Poppy factory and the flats above the SOR and parking bays for 6 cars which are occupied all day and evening. If even one car tried use it as a drop off or pick up, no one would be able to enter or exit. There is also no turning space once the poppy factory gate is closed. (ANPR has been installed recently which has stopped most of the previous access issue).The report also refers to cycle paths and cycle stands. I assume the existing cycle stand they refer to is at the back of the building, accessed down one flight of stairs and through three locked doors before you have to struggle a bike into the cage. If this doesn't stop anyone using it for the short time they attend SOR the fact that the stands are always full will. There are no public bike stands in the vicinity.