

## 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:** We have 2 concerns:

1. Highway safety/road access/adequacy of parking & turning
2. Noise & disturbance

1 Access etc

There are 2 possibilities for drop-offs/pickups:

- Directly outside the front door on Petersham Road by the bus stop which will disrupt traffic and be dangerous or
- The area leading to the residents' garages / Poppy Factory car park is a roadway, which will obviously lead to congestion and negatively impact the residents' ability to enter/leave their apartments. This area can realistically accommodate a maximum of 2 cars at any one time, so it is highly likely that there will be significant accessibility and safety issues. It is also likely that vehicles would have to reverse out onto Petersham Road directly beside the pedestrian crossing.

The SOR has indicated that they would expect approximately 15 students at any one time, with a peak of 25 pupils (plus teachers). The students will tend to be in the 8-17 year-old range; therefore, a significant percentage are likely to be dropped off rather than arrive/depart via public transport. These drop-offs/pickups will significantly increase the noise and pollution outside Richmond Brewery Stores, and will be concentrated due to class times, creating traffic congestion.

2 Noise

The SOR has commissioned acoustic tests for the building. These state that the noise levels would be no greater than current noise levels from traffic, etc. However, the report also states that the assessment is subject to "risks and uncertainties" and that "actual results may differ materially" from the assessments made for the acoustic report. This uncertainty means there can be no guarantee that the acoustic report will be reliable. There is also a vast difference between the background noise generated by traffic and the more intrusive, constant noise from rock music up to 10.30 pm on weekdays and 6.00 pm on Saturdays.

The area proposed to be utilised by the SOR has windows, which they state will be modified to add double glazing, but which can still be opened. Although they have indicated that they will not open the windows, the building does not have air conditioning (only comfort cooling) and gets very hot due to sunlight. Therefore, whilst the interior may be sound-proofed, there is a high likelihood that windows are opened, which could cause a considerable noise impact.