

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/2270/HOT

Address: Garrick Cottage Church Street Hampton TW12 2EG

Proposal: To provide a new vehicular access with hardstanding to the front, and a single storey garden building on the north west side of Garrick Cottage, Church Street, Hampton

Comments Made By

Name: Ms. Helen McCarthy

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: The proposed vehicular access to Garrick Cottage (also requiring permission for a new dropped curb) and workshop will detract from the appearance of the conservation area, require the demolition of an old wall, removal of mature trees, and exacerbate local parking issues.

The applicant purchased the cottage in 2022 knowing that it had no vehicular access or off-street parking. Access to the property for any large, bulky items is easily addressed by temporary removal of the fence panel which currently links the two sections of boundary wall.

Parking in Johnsons Drive and Church Street is limited and the available space is always fully occupied as there are many local properties, in common with Garrick Cottage, which do not have off-street parking. The loss of parking spaces resulting from the proposed vehicular access would create further pressure on parking in the area. It is also possible the applicant intends to park his third vehicle across the dropped kerb area in front of his property.

The requirement for the turntable and a sliding gate suggests there is insufficient space in front of the cottage for the parking development proposed.

I note the proposal for a workshop has been amended since the previous application (withdrawn) and its height reduced such that it will not be visible from Church Street.

The application states that the owner would carry out 'occasional restoration work' on his vehicles. Potential noise and pollution arising from the owner working on cars and motorbikes in an area, which the applicant's Design, Access and Heritage Statement describes as 'a quiet, residential close', is of concern. If permission were to be granted, I would request strict conditions are set to ensure this is the case and that no commercial activity is permitted (to be applicable to the current and future owners of Garrick Cottage).