

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/2280/FUL

Address: 64 The Green Twickenham TW2 5AG

Proposal: Demolition of existing ancillary structures and erection of two new buildings to provide 2no. self-contained residential accommodation; change of use at ground floor from chiropractor surgery (Use Class E) to residential dwelling (Use Class C3); two storey side extension to provide self-contained residential dwelling; and other associated works

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Make a general observation

Comment: My favourite building in Twickenham because it is a rare survival from before the arrival of the railway and the town became a dormitory town to London.

Unfortunately, the otherwise comprehensive heritage study has made an error about the origins of the building: it was originally a bakery on Twickenham Common belonging to the Chamberlain family, not a grocer's shop. In fact, May Road was previously known as Chamberlain Road. It is still remembered fondly by many longstanding residents for the quality of its bread and cakes. In addition to serving as a bakery, the house was also a sub-post office. The earliest record I can find for it is in Pigot's Directory of 1826/7, so the house, which is sadly not Listed by Historic England but classified as a Building of Townscape Merit, is almost 200 years old. Such an ancient survival from the past deserves our respect.