

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

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Comments

Type of comment: Make a general observation

Comment: I have used the cafe both on foot and by bike for more than 10 years. Looking at the site plan, this feels more like an application for a new carpark, with a large catering unit....We already have this at Pembroke Lodge- do we really need another large catering hub and carpark?

However, I do support the new access into the carpark, closer to the gate, with a separate exit. My concerns is that, without clear demarcation of in and out, with decent turning circles, I fear this could result in more conflict between cyclists, pedestrians and those parking in "cul de sac" car parking spaces.

Most cyclists like to hang out next to their bikes while having a snack or drink, and not that keen on locking them up out of sight, and the current system seems to cater for that.

New public toilets, not in a container, would be most welcome.