

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 25/0013/FUL

Address: Firefly (formerly Site Of Kokoro No Tomo)Taggs IslandHamptonTW12 2HA

Proposal: Retention of a replacement one-bedroom, single-storey houseboat with proposed landscape enhancements and proposed alterations to the existing garden room, including the installation of solar PV panels .

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Support the proposal

Comment: Having reviewed the latest plans and updated accompanying documentation, we wish once again to express our full support for the application. The former houseboat had clearly reached the end of its lifespan with visible deterioration of the hull and topsides structure. The design for the replacement houseboat is of high architectural design quality which visually complements the surrounding houseboats.

We are strongly of the opinion that views to the open part of the island have not been compromised and as such that the openness of the MOL is preserved. In fact, given the architectural quality of the new houseboat, materials used and improved visual appeal, we feel that it brings a significant enhancement to the view from the bridge and opposite bank. As such Firefly has already added value to the setting, character and appearance of Taggs Island: we are enjoying the major improvement it has brought relative to its unprepossessing predecessor.

The previous houseboat has historically been occupied by two people and as such we note that the proposal results in a significant improvement in the quality of accommodation.

The significant additional improvements in the latest proposal on landscaping, biodiversity and energy efficiency will further enhance the already positive impact of Firefly on Taggs Island.

Taking into account the combination of the aforementioned improvements of the previous proposal and the additional improvements in the revised proposal, we believe that these rationally constitute and demonstrate Very Special Circumstances that cumulatively outweigh any immaterial harm to the openness of the MOL which may technically be demonstrated.

We therefore very much hope that the revised application will be approved and that we can continue to benefit from the positive impact of Firefly on the island and its community and the further enhancements proposed.