

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 21/2758/FUL

Address: 1-1C King Street, 2-4 Water Lane, The Embankment And River Wall, Water Lane, Wharf Lane And The Diamond Jubilee Gardens, Twickenham

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and structures and redevelopment of the site comprising 45 residential units (Use Class C3), ground floor commercial/retail/cafe (Use Class E), public house (Sui Generis), boathouse locker storage, floating pontoon and floating ecosystems with associated landscaping, reprovision of Diamond Jubilee Gardens, alterations to highway layout and parking provision and other relevant works.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: As a long term resident of the Island, my primary objections to the planned development are:
the impact on Parking/Access for residents,
the safety issues of lorries turning in a pedestrian zone
the impact of such a massively over scaled development along the river.

The proposals to remove parking will make access very difficult or impossible for many residents of the Island as well as visitors to the many Church Street businesses. Many of the people who live on Eel Pie Island and who visit the riverside have severe mobility issues. It would be irresponsible not to have a proper Equality Impact assessment and to date, this has not been published.

There are significant safety concerns about large vehicles turning/reversing in the area at the bottom of the Eel Pie Island bridge the Water Lane/Embankment junction and turning at the Wharf Lane/Embankment junction. Particularly for pedestrians; the slipway at Water lane is hugely popular for children feeding the waterfowl. There is a heavy footfall of pedestrians coming on and off the Eel Pie Island Bridge to take deliveries, access and service the boatyards, businesses, clubs and residences.

The riverside walk on the Embankment by Wharf Lane is busy with pedestrians and a regular highlight feature for the local nursery pre school children taking their daily walks. Cyclists are also vulnerable when vehicles are manoeuvring/reversing.

The impact of two buildings huge 5 to 6 storey buildings will negatively impact the neighbouring residents on all sides of the development site who will, without exception, lose their enjoyment of both natural daylight and sunlight. The loss of light and sunshine created by the proposed building at the north end of Wharf Lane is where the key access point into the site has been placed. This is a dark and gloomy and has the potential to feel unsafe entrance. The proposed buildings will directly block the afternoon and evening sunshine that currently is enjoyed by the many neighbouring houses and gardens of the Eel Pie Island residents who face The Embankment on both sides of the bridge.