

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.

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: As a resident of the riverside and local Twickenham community which is very near to the proposed works on this planning application, we would strongly object to the current proposals for the following reasons:-

- Adequacy of parking - Removal of residential car parking / lack of like for like replacement spaces within the equal distance to the residential area – the security of vehicles and impact on elderly or disabled residents is considerable, as well as daily residential car use and carrying heavy shopping from the car to the house. We strongly object to the removal of car parking and the existing spaces should remain or adequate underground car park should be incorporated within the scheme (as with earlier versions of the designs).
- Adequacy of loading/turning – current plans have insufficient loading spaces for current businesses in the new plans. Currently, there is ongoing disturbance to residents on the surrounding streets e.g. Bell Lane which is often used by businesses as a loading bay throughout the day causing congestion and disturbance and safety concerns. The current plans will increase the pressure on surrounding residential streets to double-up as loading areas.
- Noise and disturbance resulting from use - We certainly do not need another pub as shown in the proposals. There are already many pubs in the surrounding area and this will add to the disturbance to Riverside residents from the noise that comes from when the pubs are open in the evenings and also the people who loiter in the area whilst under the influence at pub closing time and create excess noise and urinate into residential gardens.
- Design and appearance - low level buildings have always been residents preferred choice. The proposed 5 storey overpowers the local space and the building design and materials do not fit with the local conservation area.
- Visual amenity - The proposed 5 storey negatively impacts and overbears my property and affects our right of light. It will also create loss of light to the surrounding area and proposed pedestrianised surrounding space. We strongly object to the current plans.
- Highway safety - External auditors have raised major safety concerns about the proposed two way traffic layouts for water land and wharf lane. They recommend both roads should be kept one way. We agree and strongly object to the proposal to change these into two-way streets. The plans also still do not factor in the flood areas of the tidal river and how vehicles will manoeuvre the area at these times.

This decision does not only impact us all but also the generations ahead in the years to come so this decision is important and designs and construction should be well prepared and redesigned to accommodate the objections listed above.