

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 21/3107/FUL

Address: Barnes Hospital South Worple Way East Sheen London SW14 8SU

Proposal: Drop-in full application to supersede residential development zone of previously approved Outline planning permission 18/3642/OUT. Demolition of existing structures and redevelopment of site including construction of three new buildings comprising 106 residential units of mixed tenure (Use Class C3), alterations and conversion of two existing buildings for 3 residential use (Use Class C3), car and cycle parking, landscaping and associated works.

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Object to the proposal

Comment: We object to this proposal; it has made the residential section bigger and more condensed (in, what is, already an overcrowded area) and appears to have dropped the Health Hub & SEMH school.

Main objections are:

- The 4-story building is very tall and will cause a great loss of privacy as it will be the tallest building in the surrounding area.
- Parking is totally inadequate given the scale of development.
- Traffic (which is already terrible in this area) will increase on South Worple Way and White Hart Lane, backing all the way up to Upper Richmond Road/South Circular, not only during the development, but permanently thereafter. This is exacerbated by the White Hart Lane level crossing and tight turn onto South Worple Way, where a new children's nursery is now located, rendering the area unsafe for families and highly congested & polluted.
- The layout of proposal is far too dense and the design is not in keeping with the area.
- Local transport links are already overloaded. We have to bear in mind that the Hammersmith bridge is closed indefinitely, exacerbating what is already a heavy-traffic/commuter area.
- There does not appear to be much in the way of environmental initiatives within the plans.

Vehicular access to and from this site must be analysed across all three functions simultaneously and for this reason judging this application on its own, without consideration of the Health Hub and SEMH school should not be considered. Indeed, at Outline Planning 2018, it was agreed by the Council that all three uses of the site would be considered together. This Drop-in application facilitates the developer's element alone, denying locals the opportunity to comment on the proposals for this site as a whole, across all aspects from architectural, to massing to sustainability, to include crucially critical analysis of energy provision for the whole site. Locals have yet to see what the Health Hub and SEMH school will look like, beyond volumetric shapes alongside the residential proposals. If this application is considered on its own merits, it facilitates the developer only.

We would criticise how much the developer's architect has strayed from the Outline Planning approved design code agreed in 2018.

Having waited 3 months for Council validation of the application for this Barnes Hospital site, locals are left with just 3 weeks (including the Christmas break!) to analyse the detailed content and respond. This is just not good enough. We would ask that the neighbour consultation period be extended by 10 days from Jan 2nd to adhere to the statutory 21 days to allow residents enough time to respond, some of whom have not received the neighbour consultation letter.