

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 21/3107/FUL

Address: Barnes Hospital South Worples 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: My first comment is regarding the planning process in relation to the inadequacy of time to consider proposal neighbour notification / consultation. Providing only three weeks, falling over the Christmas period is against due and fair process and suggests the proposal is being handled in an underhand way. The period should be appropriate and allow for proper consideration and should be extended. Our household has not received notification formally and has only become aware through the neighbourhood grapevine.

I object to this proposal on the following grounds:

1. (a) Overshadowing, (b) overlooking and (c) visual amenity. The proposed building development is much higher than all other buildings in the area, will cause a completely different sense to the locality, will overshadow existing buildings and will mean current properties are overlooked. It is completely out of keeping with the current look and feel of a location with over a hundred years of history and is inappropriate.
2. Layout and density. The proposal is a large and significant one with a multitude of impacts for the neighbourhood and area. It will bring a substantial increase in inhabitants and visitors in a location which is enclosed and difficult to access. The extent of the impact is of a scale that is too great.
3. Traffic generation. The proposal will result in significantly increased traffic in an area which is already heavily congested, difficult to drive and park around, and where there is danger from the traffic load.
4. Adequacy of parking. The entire area suffers from difficult / impossible parking conditions and this proposal will significantly augment the pressure.
5. Road access. The proposal does not deal effectively with the issues around road access in what is a very difficult space (positioned as it is between the Upper Richmond Road and the train line). This will affect the locality during the construction period and in perpetuity after the construction is completed to a degree which will negatively impact inhabitants and people using the road infrastructure.
6. Environmental support. A proposal of this scale and impact should have considerable environmental benefits built in and this is not the case. This is a very important feature of any large residential + school + hub type development and is currently a woeful gap.

My final point is a fundamental one. It has previously been agreed in outline planning in 2018 that all three aspects of the site should and would be viewed together so that all key issues be considered holistically. The fact that this is not being done is a serious failure that suggests this proposal is being pushed through and not being given proper and appropriate considerations. This is a fundamental point over and above all of the detailed objections.

I would also like to record that the comments I have made here are not as comprehensive as I would have liked, limited as

they are by the inadequate time available to make them. There are a number of other areas that I would raise objections on but I do not have the bandwidth to do so in the limited window available.

It is appalling that a process should be run in a manner which means that local people are not made aware and given sufficient time to properly lay out their objections. I believe there would be far more objections to the proposal if people were not engaged in all the things that Christmas involves.