

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: 1/ Transport and Access

We feel that by only considering residential, the Transport Statement (TS) in no way addresses the risks associated with access, traffic congestion, pollution and transport constraints, especially at the dangerous White Hart Lane (WHL) level crossing. As long-term local residents, we are fully aware of the current safety issues here and feel there has been no analysis of flow of site residents' vehicles, deliveries or people using the school and hospital, or its impact on the locality. The area is already frequently in gridlock. This can only get worse.

Driving eastwards to WHL (White Hart Lane), since the no left hand turn was introduced from SWW (South Worple Way), it is often impossible to turn right due to the build up of traffic caused by the hourly 32-39 mins when the level crossing gates are closed. As more residents, school parents and hospital visitors access the site this can only get worse.

And now that parking has been eliminated from SWW it has become a race-track/ rat run for frustrated drivers seeking to avoid congestion on the Upper Richmond Road West. This can only get worse.

When turning right southwards after the crossing into SWW from WHL, even now there is no choice but to mount the pavement - as there is insufficient width for 2-way traffic. This can only get worse. Closing this off and redirecting traffic up to URRW (Upper Richmond Road West) is not an option as the wait time at the Priest's Bridge junction is already excessive. And for those leaving the site westwards, we predict greater traffic impact for those of us who live in the narrow roads leading up to Upper Richmond Road. This can again only get worse.

Please please reconsider the traffic impact of the scheme before it is too late!

2/ Proposed Residential Blocks

The size, density and aesthetics of the proposed newly-increased residential blocks will significantly affect local housing. The increase in units from 83 to 109 (23%) is beyond the limits of outline consent. How can the developers be permitted to get away with constructing ugly, dense, municipal-style blocks that bear no relevance to surrounding architecture? We have nothing against 'modern' in terms of style, but the proposed look and density reminds of a dark battleship with fey 'Tudor' embellishment. Surely the scheme should be more imaginative and sympathetic to an area where the majority of housing is no more than two storeys high? This scheme is an opportunity to create an attractive and empathetic housing development; it could even be award-winning!

Please again revisit the project in the light of our comments

3/ Energy

In terms of energy usage on site we are not sufficiently knowledgeable to comment, but would hope upon hope that any significant scheme like this takes on board real environmental concerns. Gas heating should never be introduced into any part of a new scheme, but should instead be eliminated in order to counteract the serious dangers of global warming by 2030.