

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: Object to this planning application for the following reasons –

1. (a) Overshadowing, (b) overlooking and (c) visual amenity. The proposed building development is much higher than all other buildings in the area, and will change the unique character of that part of Mortlake, next to the historic Burial Ground and very close to the Queens Road Conservation Area. It will not only overshadow existing buildings and will mean current properties are overlooked, but it is also completely out of keeping with the current look and feel of a location with over a hundred years of history, so it is quite inappropriate.
2. Layout and density. The proposal is a large and significant which will adversely impact the neighbourhood and area. It will bring a substantial increase in inhabitants and visitors in a location which is enclosed and difficult to access.
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. There is a real risk of a serious accident at the railway crossing, as traffic from South Worples Way attempts to exit from or join White Hart Lane just by the level crossing. There is still no solution to Hammersmith Bridge and the traffic on Upper Richmond Road and Lower Richmond Road is already frequently at a complete standstill. The buses are affected as well, which further discourages people from using public transport to reach the nearest train or tube station.
4. Adequacy of parking. The entire area suffers from difficult / impossible parking conditions and this proposal will significantly increase that pressure.
5. Road access. The proposal does not deal effectively with the issues around road access in what is a very difficult space, between the Upper Richmond Road and the train line. This will affect the locality during the construction period and afterwards as well, negatively affecting inhabitants as well as everyone else who needs to use 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.
7. There is not enough affordable housing included within the proposed development.

I would like to end by stating that as a local resident, I did not receive any formal notification of this planning proposal and only become aware of it through the neighbourhood grapevine. If the extra 7 days to lodge an objection had not been granted, then I like many others would not have been able to voice our objections as the window to do so was so narrow and over the Xmas period.