

Comment on a planning application

Application Details

Application: 24/1985/FUL

Address: Roehampton Gate Cafe Richmond Park Richmond SW15 5JR

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings, revision to site entrances and layout, construction of a new cafe, public toilets and cycle hire building, associated hard and soft landscaping, and a new pedestrian access gate on the park boundary

Comments Made By

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Comments

Type of comment: Make a general observation

Comment: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the planning application 24/1985FUL for Roehampton Gate Café, Richmond Park, SW15 5JR, particularly regarding the proposed new gate that would improve access to Richmond Park from the Alton Estate area. This new gate is much needed, providing convenient access for local residents to the park and its amenities.

However, I would like to highlight some concerns regarding the current and potential future use of Danebury Avenue by cyclists. The road is heavily used by buses, and at present, the high volume of vehicles parked on one side has effectively reduced the area to near single-lane traffic. The addition of cyclists using this stretch as a cut-through to Richmond park for a stop off at the park cafe has only added to the delays for buses and other vehicles, creating congestion and increasing the risk of accidents.

If the new gate is approved, it is likely that even more cyclists will use this route, potentially exacerbating these issues. Without a dedicated cycle lane, the increased cyclist traffic poses a significant safety risk to pedestrians and motorists alike. This is particularly concerning for vulnerable road users, such as children attending Alton Primary School, who are already at risk due to the current traffic conditions.

I would strongly recommend that the local authority consider the implementation of a wider pass-through at the new gate, which would include a dedicated cycle lane to ensure the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians. This would help alleviate traffic delays caused by the current use of the road and mitigate potential risks if cyclist numbers increase.

Additionally, I would suggest that during school hours and periods of high traffic, a "No Cycling Zone" be enforced to reduce the risks posed to schoolchildren and other pedestrians.

Thank you for considering these important safety concerns.

Sincerely,
Marcus Edward Bond
Resident of Danebury Avenue