



Planning Applications
The Town Hall
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Dear Sirs

Planning Application 2013/1322 etc.
ARK Academy (Elliott School)

The Putney Society, as the amenity society for Putney and Roehampton, have been involved in the extensive consultation ahead of this application, understand the need for a new sports hall, (and the temporary one, application 2013/2352, on which we have no comment) and believe that thanks to the extensive consultations with English Heritage and others this proposal maintains the key heritage elements of the building.

But we still have concerns about the external works. Both Barratt's consultation drawings and the school's suggested that the 2.7m high fence will be softened with trees and hedge planting, yet on plan, clockwise from the north end of the main school wing there appears to be no space for these trees on either side of the fence. This is most acute to the south of the new gym, where there are two levels of car parking separated by a retaining wall, all in the shadow of a five storey building. This will be bleak. This needs more co-ordination with Barratt (upcoming application 2013/2380) so that each site is not relying on the other for planting space. The hedge along Pullman Gardens is one of the strengths of this site, and matching this on the new boundaries should be the target.

We also ask, since most pupils will arrive by bus at the Green Man and walk along Hayward Gardens, why does the main pupil entrance face Pullman Gardens?

Yours Sincerely

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