The Twyford Abbey site has extensive planning history, mostly for residential development, going back a number of years. As you say the residential applications were all refused.

In May 2017 a planning application was submitted to Ealing Council for the redevelopment of the site to provide a secondary school and sixth form. This was referred to the Mayor and he made comments on the application before the Council made its decision, and the Mayor was generally supportive of the scheme. The Council resolved to grant planning permission in September 2017, subject to referral to the Mayor, and the Mayor allowed this decision to proceed.

Copies of the Mayor's initial comments and final decision can be found online here: https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/planning-applications-and-decisions/planning-application-search/twyford-abbey-0

This is typically the end of the GLA's involvement and it would then be up to Ealing Council to issue the decision and deal with any pre-commencement conditions before works commence on site. I would recommend you contact the Council if you need any further information.