

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/0518/P	Sara Whyte	03/04/2023 11:00:19	OBJ	I object to this application for the following reasons:

Traffic: the application states that "there is currently no multi-modal survey data in the TRICS database" so how do they come to the conclusion that this school, with eventually 40 children, "is unlikely to be a material difference". One cannot predict how parents bring their children to school so this statement can only be supposition as it uses unreliable data and therefore underestimates the impact of the traffic generated by this proposed school.

Noise: this application states it will replace the day nursery which catered for 20 two to four year olds. The proposed primary school will have twice the amount of children who will be much older (up to 11 years) who are innately more energetic and noisy - this will increase the existing noise level which has been low due to mostly indoor activities. There is little demonstration as to how this increase will be restricted, the potential for unacceptable noise nuisance remains - it is therefore not acceptable.

School rolls: the current falling rolls contributes to the closure of local primary schools - three have already closed and St Dominic's in Gospel Oak is closing in August. It seems immoral that an expensive private school should put the availability of local school places in peril.

Heath damage: it is well accepted that there is a decline in species and their precious habitats due to the depletion of natural areas which also includes the Heath. The Hampstead Heath Act 1871 is considered to be important for the conservation of nature. This act prohibits the exploitation of the heath's "turf and trees for profit" (section 14) and states that the "natural aspect and state of the Heath shall be preserved". (Section 16). This Nature school's curriculum appears to encourage the children to break the bylaws by "foraging for edible plants, bushcraft, den building and mud kitchens", amongst the many other activities, which results in soil impaction thus restricting the growth of the diverse flora and fauna.

It is for these reasons that I re state my objection to this application.
