

From: John Robson

Sent: 06 October 2024 19:06

To: Ewan Campbell

Subject: Planning Application 2024/1122/P - Frognal garages, Ashley Court
NW3 7DX

Dear Mr Campbell,

I am writing to you about the planned building works, on behalf of the Frognal Badminton Club which plays every Monday evening in the St Andrew's Church Hall across the road on Frognal, directly opposite where the proposed building works would be.

I am very concerned about the disruption the building works will cause for a period which is likely to be well over a year, possibly 2-3 years in reality. Therefore on behalf of our club I would like to object to the planning application.

We are a club of mixed ages, but most members are 55 years and over, many are in their 60's and we even have one octogenarian. Parking up, and then accessing the building is already fairly tricky on the busy junction with Finchley Road - and particularly in the autumn and winter when it is dark, wet and slippery with leaves. We manage though. Our club is an important part of the community.

I am concerned about the major disruption to that exact area in the street if the building works start. How is the traffic going to be managed? How is security and safety going to be managed? Are there plans for a completely new and additional set of traffic lights where the works will be? That is the only way I can see it being possible, having used the road for the last 30 years. (School pick-up times are going to be chaos!). It will become a new bottleneck in the area, possibly for a number of years. And I am worried about our members being caught up in the resulting vehicular to-ings and fro-ings - we all need to

think about the potential for an accident with a digger, skip or delivery van. Also I am concerned that if there are difficulties, our members will start to avoid coming to the road and the church hall at all - stifling our club until it dwindles.

We are a quiet group of people who enjoy our badminton and don't trouble anyone else. Please can you bear us in mind as you make your deliberations.

Kind regards,

John Robson

On behalf of Frognal Badminton Club

St Andrew's Church Hall

Frognal Lane NW3