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2013/4596/P	37-63 Fortune Green Road London NW6 1UJ	Jason Traves	Mrs Kay Chacksfield	19/08/2013 16:30:51	OBJ

Response:

This is a change of use which will inevitably lead to very substantial problems locally as regards traffic and parking. By its nature a school will result in very large numbers of vehicles attending the premises at opening and closing times. The present traffic and parking situations are already under a great deal of pressure (in particular as a result of the Tesco and gym situated in the Sager building) such that finding parking spaces is already very difficult for residents. Any increase in traffic and parking load, let alone a substantial one, would make the situation entirely impossible. The high volumes of parked cars (inevitably most outside of allotted bays) and traffic would also be dangerous for road users, local children and school attendees. The proposed change of use would be highly detrimental to the locality.

I understand (from a parent of a pupil) that there are currently substantial traffic and parking issues associated with the present school. I further understand that, were the present application to be accepted, then it is suggested that the majority of pupils would be expected to attend by bus, with a small proportion being dropped off by car. This is, with respect, entirely untenable. The present school's data (presented on its website) indicates that 19% travel by bus, with 33% by car. Given the planned school size of 180 pupils, that equates to 60 cars per morning and afternoon. Even if (as I understand the proposal) 3 cars are let in to the premises at a time for drop off, and that each batch of three can be cleared in say no less than 2 mins per batch (itself an unrealistic time frame), that would take a period of 40 minutes. That plainly is not going to happen; and where are the other 57 cars going to patiently wait whilst the first 3 go in? The reality is that parents will have no choice but to park in any available space, irrespective of legality, and the Greek streets and Fortune Green Road will be dangerously clogged
