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5 January 2015

Dear Mr Whittingham

Planning Application 2014/7683/P
Parliament Hill School, William Ellis School, and La Swap Sixth Form

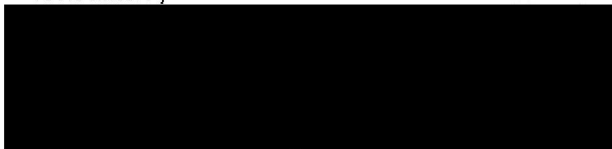
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Our house, 1 Hillside, Highgate Road, is exactly opposite the new La Swap Sixth Form building and we are therefore directly affected by the developments proposed. While we do not object to the proposals *per se*, we do have three strong concerns.

1. The application proposes two new entrances to the site on Highgate Road in addition to the two existing entrances. These two new entrances are very close to one another opposite the point at which Woodsome Road meets Highgate Road and where the bus stop is currently located. This seems both unnecessary and dangerous. To have large numbers of students milling about here is likely to distract traffic and pedestrians at the Woodsome and Highgate Road intersection, increasing the likelihood of accidents. The traffic survey carried out for the application notes the pedestrians and others injured in recent years on the stretch between Chetwynd Road and Swains Lane and this development is likely to increase the number of accidents. We therefore urge that the existing entrances to the schools be maintained and that an alternative is found to the two new entrances opposite Woodsome Road, for instance by not having an unnecessary further entrance to the 6th form building.
2. We are also concerned that our privacy may be compromised by the new Sixth Form building. As we understand from the plans, the building is to be one storey only, which is reassuring. However, we think it important that a certain amount of screening is maintained by trees and shrubs along the edge of the school grounds, where the current wooden fence stands. As well as maintaining a level of privacy for residents on Highgate Road (and for the school itself), this would also preserve the green aspect, which is currently such a positive feature of the stretch of Highgate Road between Gordon House Road and the Heath.
3. Finally, the document on traffic management during the works (13-255-02, Para.5.2) proposes that heavy lorries from the construction site be allowed to head northwards up Highgate Hill. This is inadvisable; on the whole trucks do not use this road and an increase of heavy traffic will create further noise and disruption in what is a residential area and one with important amenity value in the form of Hampstead Heath.

We look forward to your response to these points.

Yours sincerely

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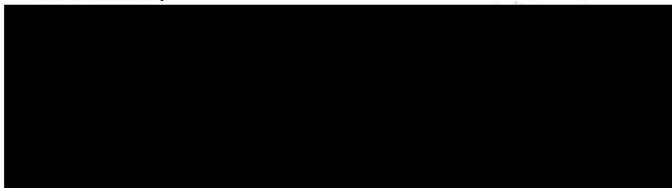
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Comments Form

Name..... Mrs. JUSYAN TORRIT.....

Address..... 7, Grove Terrace, N.W.5 1PH.....



Planning application number..... 2014/7683/P..... 2014/6084/PRE

Planning application address..... Parliament Hill School, William Ellis School
Highgate Road N.W.5 1RN

- support the application (please state reasons below)
- object to the application (please state reasons below)

Your comments

I am convinced by the arguments put forward that this development is a much needed investment in the education of the children of our community.

I have reviewed the plans and attended the consultation meetings and, in my opinion, the proposed development has been designed thoughtfully with minimum negative impact on the local environment. Many aspects of the development will enhance rather than detract from the existing site.

The new La swap block on the current sports court site on Highgate Road will not, in my opinion, cause undue inconvenience to residents and has been designed in a way that will complement the green corridor to the greatest extent possible. In sum, I believe the benefits of the development will outweigh ^{any} ~~and~~ negative impact.

Please continue on extra sheets if you wish