



Dear Mr Nelson

I write to object to the conversion of the above property into a new, girls' school with 140 pupils and the building of yet another basement in Hampstead.

As we are all aware, this conversion of large houses into schools has been a feature of NW3 for years now, bringing ever-increasing numbers of vehicles into the area, and especially that of Fitzjohn's Avenue which is one of the major arteries running up into Hampstead Garden Suburb and Highgate, while Arkwright Road is a major artery to the Finchley Road below. These *private* education establishments encourage twice daily flooding of the whole NW3 area with *private* transport, i.e. cars which have over the past ten years become ever larger and more expensive. This in itself produces a competition for places/drop-off points that that is repulsive to see.

Many parents of children attending these schools live *outside* the area of NW3, while local residents seem to have no rights whatever in the face of this twice daily invasion. The air quality within the NW3 area during the drop-off and pick-up periods is shocking, as many parents sit in their cars with their engines running.

We have recently witnessed a large extension of the South Hampstead School for Girls in Maresfield Gardens. This too generates a great deal of traffic at set down and pick up times. Provision of yet another school (for 140 girls in St Anthony's), will intensify the discomfort of local residents using the pavements and the roads in this area. These residents pay rates for the amenity of living in a relatively quiet, treed area of London, in which many children can walk or take a bus to school.

I would be shocked if Camden, as a Labour-led Council, agrees to the proposed development of No 3 Arkwright Road.

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