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**From:** Nelson, Olivier  
**Sent:** 23 February 2015 14:32  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** FW: St Anthony's

Please can you log this objection to 2014/7847/P - 1-3 Arkwright Road

Olivier Nelson  
Planning Officer

Telephone: 5142

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From: Martin Woollacott [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
Sent: 23 February 2015 14:28  
To: Nelson, Olivier  
Subject: St Anthony's

9 February 2014

For the attention of:

Olivier Nelson  
Camden Council  
5 Pancras Square  
London N1C 4AG

Re St Anthony's School Application 2014/7847/P

Dear Mr Nelson,

My wife and I wish to oppose this application to convert three residential flats into classrooms and increase St Anthony's school enrolment by 140.

Education has a benign image, but the fact remains that it is an industry which like others can have deleterious effects on the community in which it is situated. Our area has approaching 10 times the number of pupils in its schools than it would have were those schools catering for the the children of the local population alone.

This is way out of proportion: schools are taking up houses and sites which would otherwise be available for residential use in an area where there is a shortage of housing.

Worse, the concentration of schools is increasing the levels of particulate air pollution in Hampstead, which because of its geographical situation is especially exposed to that problem. They generate thousands of extra car journeys every day. This is not good for the people of

Hampstead, and, incidentally, it is also not good for the boys and girls who come from outside the area to go to those schools. The additional traffic congestion is also undesirable.

We can't now do much about the existing schools, but surely it is time to call a halt to the unthinking expansion of the education industry in our area. The extra pupils at St Anthony's would make the pollution worse, and set a bad precedent for further applications.

The proposed development should be rejected. It is bad land usage, it would add to traffic on already crowded roads, and it would increase pollution.

Yours faithfully

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