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Mr. Roger Freeman Councillor for Swiss Cottage Camden Town Hall Judd Street London WC1H 9JE

With copy to: Mr. Olivier Nelson Planning Officer Camden Town Hall Judd Street London WC1H 9JE

Monday, 1st March 2015

Dear Sir,

## Re: Planning Application No. 2014/7847/P by St Anthony's School for No. 3 Arkwright Road, London NW3

Our son is a year 6 pupil at St Anthony's School in Hampstead, where he is very happy and thriving, both academically and personally. However, the Senior School premises do not allow to have all the facilities at the same address so that certain lessons and the daily lunchtime meals have to be taken at the Junior School premises on Fitzjohn's Avenue. While the Senior School is close by and School staff do all they can to ensure safety of the daily commuting, our young lively boys have to cross a busy junction (junction of Arkwright Road and Fitzjohn's Avenue), which is a source of genuine worry for the parents. We understand that there have been a number of scares or near miss incidents at that junction over the years.

We are therefore delighted to write to show our full support for the School's application to extend the Senior School to No. 3 Arkwright Road, London NW3. This would allow to cut the number of pupil crossings at the junction significantly, thus improving both safety for our boys and traffic flow generally.

While we are able to walk our only son to school from home daily, the majority of parents have to drive their boys to school in order to cope with the frantic school runs of siblings of different sexes. We understand that the School plans to create a new co-educational nursery, which would facilitate the school run for many parents and cut down on traffic by allowing for linked journeys or even for more children to walk to school. We know that St Anthony's School is very keen to do all it can to improve the safety of the children in its care as well as to promote sustainable travel for the greater good of the local community.

Finally, given the high demand for school places in this part of London, we believe that an extension of the School can only be good news for local parents, both the parents of those children who will be lucky enough to benefit from the School's excellent standard of education, but also those parents who are struggling to find State school places for their children.

 $Therefore, we very \, much \, hope \, that \, the \, Council \, will \, look \, favourably \, upon \, St \, Anthony's \, School \, planning \, application.$ 

Feel free to contact us at the above-mentioned address should you have any queries or require further information.

