

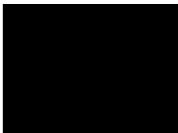
Coun. Richard Olszewski
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PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 2014/7847/P

Dear Coun. Olszewski

I am well aware of the dangers posed by hundreds of young pupils crossing the busy junction of Fitzjohn's Avenue and Arkwright Road every day as they move between the two sites of St Anthony's Schhol. When I heard that St Anthony's had come up with a scheme to cut the numbers of crossings I was compelled to write to let you know I am in support. Having more facilities on both sides of the road will, quite understandably, cut the number of times pupils have to move between buildings and, in turn, improve the safety of its young people. The proposal makes sense and I hope you will give it your full support.

Warm regards



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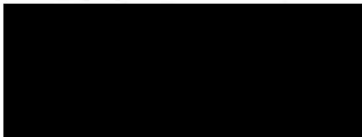
Dear Councillor Rea

I am writing in support of planning application 2014/7847/P relating to 1-3 Arkwright Road, Camden.

This application seeks to convert an existing building from residential to educational use for St. Anthony's School. As well as expanding school places in the area, these proposals will allow the school to provide dining facilities on their Arkwright Road campus helping to improve student safety. Students will no longer need to cross the busy junction to get from their Fitzjohn Avenue classroom to Arkwright Road for lunchtimes. This will also greatly improve traffic flow in this area.

I hope you will take my thoughts into account.

Yours sincerely



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CC: Phil Rosenberg

12 March 2015

Dear Mr. Nelson,

We recently learned of an application by St. Anthony's School, (planning application number 2014/7847/P) to repurpose and develop 1-3 Arkwright road. As residents of the area for the past 17 years, with three children who have attended schools in Hampstead, we hope you will consider our letter or wholehearted support for these plans. We believe their impact will be to improve safety, mitigate traffic flow in the area and broaden access to a high-quality Catholic education for primary school-age girls while also creating new teaching and support jobs.

As with any such application, we imagine there will be opponents. For some, the increase in school places—though small as a percentage of total school children in an area renowned for its schools—will be seen as an intolerable inconvenience. Quite the contrary will be the case, we believe. It is our hope that the Council will recognise how the development plans, far from detracting from the local area, are a timely intervention to rationalise and improve logistics to the area and enhance the unique service this school provides to the community.

St. Anthony's has for some years been at the forefront of sustainable travel, providing parents with clear guidance on how to reduce car travel to the area which has made a visible difference at that junction, though the school is only one of a number of schools in the vicinity. This track record and commitment to a legally binding plan to cut vehicle numbers should dispel any doubts about the impact of the redevelopment. The new development plans would also cut weekly pupil crossings at that junction by nearly 80%, which improves safety and traffic flow at the junction of Arkwright Road and Fitzjohn's Avenue.

At a time when there is unprecedented pressure on schools and a shortage of supply, particularly for those seeking a Catholic education, the additional nursery places for girls are much needed. It allows families with siblings of different sexes to be schooled together and relieves some of the immense pressure for places at nearby schools, which are unable to meet the demand.

The new dining hall and facilities for female siblings makes great sense not just for the future of this landmark school, but for the community as a whole in a way that may be less easily quantified but is hugely important to recognise. St. Anthony's School is not simply another independent school. It is widely recognised as a very special place of learning where (mainly but not exclusively) Catholic boys are well-prepared for further education but as importantly, they are imbued with a sense of community, civic-mindedness and taught a deep respect for other faiths that helps them become good citizens. Even those who do not directly benefit from an education at St. Anthony's benefit from its presence in our community. It is precisely the kind of institution that we hope our local government can support as it seeks to improve its offerings.

With kind regards,

Therese Raphael and Dmitri Rozanov