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**From:** Nelson, Olivier  
**Sent:** 09 April 2015 17:45  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** FW: Application by St Anthony's School for 3 Arkwright Road

Good Afternoon

Please could you log this objection

Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2015 18:08  
**To:** Freeman, Roger (Councillor); Johnson, Heather (Councillor); Rea, Flick (Councillor)  
**Cc:** Nelson, Olivier; Jones, Phil (Councillor)  
**Subject:** Application by St Anthony's School for 3 Arkwright Road

Dear Councillors,

As you may be aware (and as one would expect), St Anthony's school and its advisers have organised a large scale letter writing campaign from its parents to various Councillors across the borough in support of its application for a new girls' school at 3 Arkwright Road, NW3 (currently a residential property). Most of the authors live outside the local area and, in many cases, do not state that they are parents at the school thus giving a somewhat distorted view that there is widespread support across the borough from disinterested residents for this development. In reality, virtually every resident local to the school is against this application as it will worsen the already-dire traffic situation and raise pollution levels as yet more parents drive into the area.

As the letter writers say, there is a need for more schools in Camden but certainly not in Hampstead where we already have 10,500 school children coming into the area each day (up from 9,000 in 2005 and 7,000 in 2000) – over 1,200 to the three schools at the junction of Arkwright and Fitzjohns Avenue. St Anthony's Travel Plan states that currently 40% of its pupils live outside the Borough of Camden and that only 27% walk to school and forecasts that private car use, despite its ambitious travel plans, will go up with the establishment of the new school.

The plan for a 'kiss and drop' system outside 3 Arkwright Road will encourage parents to drive and will increase traffic queues at the already-dangerous junction of Arkwright and Fitzjohns and further exacerbate the pollution problem. The Travel Plan routinely presents conjecture as fact such as that it is "legally enforceable"; the girls will mainly be the siblings of the boys which, will result, in a fall in total traffic in the area; and that instituting a breakfast club will be helpful to residents as it will spread out the increased traffic. There is also concern from local residents that, if St Anthony's is given this permission, it will only be a matter of time before the pupil numbers creep upwards from the current application for 140.

St Anthony's do not need to open a whole new school simply because they want to stop pupils from crossing the road to go to lunch: they could simply add a canteen to the basement of 3 Arkwright and retain much-needed residential space in the rest of the building.

Local residents truly hope that the officers and Councillors will be able to see beyond this slick PR campaign by the school, its owners and its advisers to the reality of yet another independent school on our already overcrowded, polluted and unsafe residential roads.

**Yours sincerely,**

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**Arkwright Residents' Association**