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2016/0665/P	Jessica Jacobs	7 Gordon House Road London NW5 1LN NW5 1LN NW5 1LN	08/06/2016 23:51:49	OBJLETTE R	<p>Constructive Objection statement From parent Jessica Jacobs</p> <p>Planning Application: Ref 2016/0665/P Gospel Oak Primary School Mansfield Road London NW3</p> <p>As a parent of the school, I support the principle of development of Gospel Oak School made in this application and enthusiastically welcome the investment in quality school buildings.</p> <p>However, as a representative of the parents of the school, I have some concerns about the detail of plans for the ramp and proposed extension towards Mansfield Road (including the potential effects of air pollution on pupils) and still believe these should not be approved. I also have concerns about the process and consultation.</p> <p>Air pollution</p> <p>On this topic my concern is that the proposals will bring the school closer to the traffic of Mansfield Road – a road where very high levels of air pollution in particular nitrogen dioxide pollution has been found. An illegally high limit. A relatively high proportion of Gospel Oak pupils already suffer from asthma and moving students closer to the road will only exacerbate their condition.</p> <p>My concern was also in response to the recent report of Parliament’s Environmental Audit Committee, which recommended that new school buildings are not located on busy main roads because of the serious effects of air pollution on health, evidence for which is growing fast.</p> <p>I believe that the proposed development can easily be moved to another location within the site, behind existing buildings, as this would not only protect students from the high levels of air pollution on Mansfield Road but also help protect the green corridor on that road. I would also welcome the addition of any condition that clearly stipulates that air quality is a priority in any future development at the school.</p> <p>I urge the council to ensure this condition is included with specific reference to the installation and maintenance of effective air filtration systems to current standards.</p> <p>Gospel Oak Primary School building location on historical green space There is a serious precedent being set if the proposal are approved because the proposed site is an historical green space.</p> <p>I believe that approving this building will make it very difficult for Camden to refuse development on other locations in other green spaces. The meadow and trees outside Gospel Oak School are a key feature of our area, and I don’t believe the exceptional circumstances that could lead to overriding policies on open space have been met in this case – especially when there are other locations on the school grounds that exist as options for the new classrooms and the access ramp could easily be incorporated into the existing staircase on the other side of the school entrance and when development on the site itself puts pupils at risk from high levels of air pollution, as described above.</p>

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Ribbon Building and privacy:
The proposed development fails to justify the clear breaches the building would create to policies CS5, DP25 and CPG6 on privacy, reduced light and views and amenity for surrounding residents.

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