

**Gentet, Matthias**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 June 2016 10:29  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** FAO Kate Philips Objection RE : Planning application no: 2016/2200/L

Dear Kate Philips,

I wish to object to the planning application to change 82 Heath St into an extension of the Heathside School. The proximity of the property to Mansfield Place houses makes this a matter of concern to us as residents of 9 and 10 Mansfield Place. The expansion of the school premises has already created an increase in noise levels. Though the premises are allegedly used for nursery and primary school children, with the implied vacating of the premises after 3 or 4 in the afternoon, the premises are in fact used by the senior school pupils and for rehearsals etc much later into the evenings. (They have repeatedly been rehearsing 'The Mikado' and I am now word perfect!).

The curious typography of Mansfield Place, built into the hillside of Heath St, and surrounded by the high buildings of the former workhouse and New End Hospital, means we get considerable echoing, and noise is greatly amplified. The School has not been a good neighbour, and despite requests does not shut windows to reduce noise pollution.

My objection to the granting change of use for 82 Heath St. are as follows:

1. Noise and disturbance to the terraced houses of Mansfield Place
2. Unsuitability of the site for a school (Heath St is highly polluted by traffic, and it seems unwise to locate a nursery and school at this point. Parents collecting, many with push chairs, are exposing young children to this pollution).
3. There is an over-supply of nursery and school places in Hampstead Village.
4. The ferrying of children to and from school generates so much traffic that we the residents are virtual captives at school opening and closing hours, as heavy traffic means we have to time our journeys to avoid the traffic jams.
5. Heathside School is a profit making venture. It is not run for the benefit of the community, yet infringes the rights of the community to their quiet enjoyment of their homes.
6. The argument that the proposal would protect retail units in the area is foolish. The Village has an over supply of shops, and Heath St is the graveyard of retail (witness the failure of businesses in Heath St.) The shops were in fact houses originally.

Yours faithfully  
Dame Hilary Blume