

## Appendix 17 - Extracts from news reports on the Hampstead School Run

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# School 'protected by police over road rage parents'



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(Picture: File)

**Police have reportedly been posted outside the gates of primary schools in Hampstead following a string of alleged road rage clashes between parents.**

Drivers dropping off and picking up children outside a number of schools in north London are said to be getting frustrated over bad traffic.

PC Edward Bromilow, who patrols the Frognal and Fitzjohns area, told the Camden New Journal police were stationed in the area to deter angry motorists.



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'I have been made aware of a few road rage reports, which isn't needed at all, especially when children are involved,' he said.

'If I do come across anyone acting like this, I will take appropriate action for any offences made out.'

In 2002, the local Town Hall launched the School Run Scrutiny Panel in response to allegations of road rage.

Last year, the Heath and Hampstead Society said that the 'concentration of schools in Hampstead and its neighbouring area is completely disproportionate, unsustainable, and justifies restraint.'

## Police send officers to deal with school run road rage in Hampstead



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POLICE officers have been posted outside primary school gates in Hampstead to counter a rash of road rage incidents involving parents.

Tempers have flared in the heavy traffic caused by the morning and evening school-runs outside the many prestigious schools in the leafy north of the borough.

PC Edward Bromilow, the neighbourhood officer in the Frognal and Fitzjohns area, said that the continued presence of officers outside schools was predominantly intended to deal with unruly drivers.

There were reports last month of thieves on mopeds targeting parents, but PC Bromilow said police were on hand "less so for the parent crime and more so for traffic issues", adding: "I have been made aware of a few road rage reports, which isn't needed at all, especially when children are involved."

Snarled-up roads outside primary schools have been a persistent source of frustration for many living in the area and in 2002 the Town Hall launched the School Run Scrutiny Panel to explore the "intractable" issue.

The influential Heath and Hampstead Society said last year that "enough is enough", adding: "The concentration of schools in Hampstead and its neighbouring area is completely disproportionate, unsustainable, and justifies restraint.

"Although some locally-based students attend Hampstead schools, it is clear, especially from the nature and extent of congestion during school-run times, that the overwhelming majority of students are not from the area."

PC Bromilow warned this week: "If I do come across anyone acting like this, I will take appropriate action for any offences made out."

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## Parents 'abusing school parking vouchers' in notorious Hampstead school-run blackspot

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*Siobhan Ezra is one of the residents upset by the school run parking chaos in Arkwright Road, Hampstead. Picture: Nigel Sutton*

Fresh calls have been made for school parking vouchers to be scrapped amid claims parents are abusing the system and clogging up the streets of Hampstead.



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Frustrated residents of Arkwright Road – who have two primaries on their doorstep – say the free permits are instead sometimes used for shopping trips and that they make matters worse in an area already notorious as a school-run black spot.

Scores of vouchers are handed out in Hampstead under Camden Council's school parking dispensation scheme – despite town hall bosses long making promises to withdraw permits for parents.

Arkwright Road resident Karen Wolman said: "There's no place to park in front of my house. The point is that the residents' bays should be for residents.

"There is not a great sensitivity shown by school parents and the residents feel as if they are being barricaded in."

Her neighbour Blanka Perse, 54, said: "It's a nightmare. I can't leave the house at certain times due to the traffic.

"It's impossible here, it's all jammed because of all these cars that really shouldn't be here."

The permits allow drivers to stop for 15 minutes in residents' bays or single yellow lines on weekdays from 8am to 9.30am and 3pm until 6.30pm.

Yet there is nothing to say what time the car was parked – and residents claim this leads to abuse.

They also complain that the tickets are valid throughout the summer holiday and the time windows are too wide.

Siobhan Ezra, of Arkwright Road Residents' Committee, which is calling for the vouchers to be scrapped, said: "These people who've got these vouchers can use them in the summer to nip into Hampstead, do a bit of shopping in Tesco, go for a quick coffee in Starbucks.

"The parking wardens are too scared to confront the school mothers. The wardens cannot do anything about the misuse of these tickets."

Devonshire House Preparatory School, one of two schools in Arkwright Road, has 60 permits to allocate to parents.

Headteacher Stephanie Piper insisted they are given only to parents who need them, such as those who are pregnant.

She said: "We keep a record of who has each permit and, if any parent doesn't behave, we will take their permit away."

A council spokesman said a total of 500 vouchers are shared out across the borough under the dispensation scheme, mainly for nursery and primary schools.

He added: "There are strict terms and conditions around the use of these dispensations and we have no evidence to suggest that the system is being abused."