

Dear Ms Phillips,

I would like to register my **objection** to planning application 2016/1355/P (82 Heath street, London, NW3 1DN)

We lease the shop at 74 heath street and operate an Art Gallery.

We have been in Hampstead for over 10 years (previously at 87 Heath street).

Firstly, we were not aware at all of this planning application as we did not receive any notice by post nor there were any signs hanging locally.

Secondly, the upper part of Heath street has seen a significant demise of its retail use in the past years mainly due to the closer of many of the leading shops in the street.

Recently the Heathside Preparatory School have took over No. 76 Heath street which used to be a Restaurant for many years and converted the retail space into part of the school.

Although it was promised that the front of that unit will be used for retail purposes, in fact this was never done. The glass front has been changed into frosted glass and it seems that it is used as an office for the school.

That unit has no longer any retail use nor part of the community.

It also creates a feeling for people walking in heath street that this is not a retail street anymore.

I'm very concerned that if this application will be approved also No. 82 will have a similar result.
The reduction of number of visitors to the street creates a knock on effect and will result in closer of more shops in this part of the street.
Last, we are also concerned about the expansion of the school. The number of parents and carers that come to the school at drop off and pick up times has increased and will probably increase even further if the school will be allowed to expand.
These people are not part of the Hampstead community and do not contribute to the businesses in the area.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this objection and update us in due course with your decision.

Kind regards, Ofer Gildor

Director

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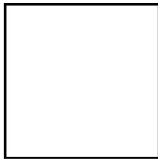
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