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## **ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, 85 Angell Road, SW9 – Proposed Change of Use:**

Dear Ms Marshall,

Thank you for your letter about the above application, but due to local postal delays it took 10 days to reach me, so it was not possible to respond earlier.

This is an important school site within the Brixton area, and the Society's main concerns are as follows:

### **Extent of Change:**

As proposed, the application applies to the whole school premises. We must **object** to this, because the school is a vital educational resource surrounded by the Angell Town and Loughborough Estates. Bearing in mind the Council's promotion of ever-denser residential development in the wider area, it is essential to safeguard school sites and provide for future increase in demand for school places within walking distance.

Approval for the mental health use **must** be limited to a defined part of the building, as more accurately shown on the applicant's plans.

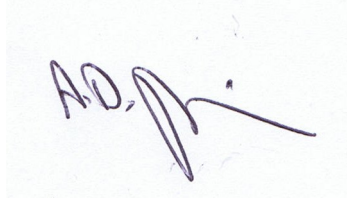
### **Access:**

We are concerned that the proposed occupier, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, will by definition include clients above the primary school age range. Safeguarding measures need to be in place to keep young people visiting the premises separate from mainstream school pupils.

This is even more critical if the school will continue to use one or two rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

It is troubling that the applicants have provided no details of access arrangements or signposting. Possibly this could be dealt with on an Approval of Details basis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the initials 'A.D.' followed by a stylized, cursive flourish.

Hon. Secretary