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2016/1590/P	Lada Recna	27 Rosslyn Hill London NW3 5UJ	21/04/2016 16:52:24	OBJ	I stongly oppose the conversion of the old Police Station to a school. As a resident directly across the street, it will have a huge negative impact on the neighbourhood for the following reasons:1. increased pedestrian traffic to an already congested area 2. increased vehicular traffic to an already hugely congested area 3. increased air pollution to an area already double the legal limits, 4. no consideration given to the extra HGV traffic that will result due to HS2, 5. no consideration given to the potential traffic rerouting for CS11. IN summary, this proposal is ill thought and will be destructive to the community. Along with my neighbours, I will do everything in my power legally and financially to stop this development. Sincerely, Lada Recna
2016/1590/P	Mary Sheppard	Flat 4 14 Lindfield Gardens Hampstead London NW3 6PU	21/04/2016 11:19:15	SUPPRT	I am a Hampstead resident and the parent of an Abacus Belsize Primary student and I fully support the new site for Abacus Belsize Primary School. I am looking forward to the new school site and hope it will be welcomed into our Hampstead community!
2016/1590/P	Jill White	5 Thurlow Road Hampstead NW3 5PJ	21/04/2016 20:44:28	OBJ	This development will cause major traffic congestion in an area which is already ove congested. The noise and pollution will be way over EU and UK legal limits. I live on Thurlow Road and walk on he Heath every day. The congestion this school will,cause will have a hugely negative impact on my living environment. The school places are not even required for the residents of Hampstead.
2016/1590/P	catherine deane	5 downshire hill	21/04/2016 14:00:35	COMMNT	<p>* Hampstead is already home to a vast number of schools serving local students. It's roads are already clogged to breaking point at school pickup. This will be made significantly worse by another large school of 420 children, most of whom original from another suburb and will be driven to school. It is unfair to force hampstead residents to bear the brunt of all the inconveniences for a school in which most of its residents are not even eligible to attend.</p> <p>* The selection of yellow and grey bricks will be detrimental to the appearances of the existing red brick building</p> <p>* both The scale and style of the architecture is overbearing and not in keeping at all with the gem that is Downshire Hill - truly one of the highlights of Camden's and indeed London's streets.</p> <p>* The design of the building using only the small side entrance on Downshire Hill where the pavement is narrowest will compromise safety of students and local residents and will cause a complete blockage of the footpath at pickup/drop off times with 420 students and their parents milling in the street.</p> <p>* The assumption that pupils of the proposed school will not be driving to school is a complete fallacy. All the other schools in hampstead have a great number of car drop offs/pick ups as can be seen from school run gridlock in the main streets. The fact that the proposed school by design is catering for out of suburb pupils will mean of course that there will be an even higher percentage of car usage by pupils than Hampstead's existing schools.</p> <p>* traffic congestion is already horrendous in Hampstead. This is both inconvenient and unsafe and is already reducing air quality and making it unpleasant/ unhealthy for those children who walk to school along main roads clogged with traffic. The proposed school will make this significantly worse.</p> <p>* significant road safety measures will be needed to ensure safety of so many additional pedestrians and cars at this very busy intersection</p>

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2016/1590/P	Stephen Crosher	21 Ryland Road	21/04/2016 13:23:28	SUPPRT	<p>I fully support this application.</p> <p>There is clear and overwhelming need for a state funded secular local school in the Belsize Park area.</p> <p>The school is developing a reputation for excellence despite being in temporary accommodation.</p> <p>Abacus school has a strong and successful policy on encouraging walking, scooting and cycling to school. There is good public transport provision for those parents who might be located at the foot of Haverstock Hill & there are also local tube stations.</p> <p>The average walking distance of those children in catchment is around half a mile (as measured on Google Earth); the furthest distance is Chalk farm at just over 1 mile. Chalk farm to the school is well served by busses.</p> <p>There is a lot of school run traffic in Hampstead created by various other schools whose pupils often live at considerable distance from their schools. A local school for the local need has the potential to lower traffic, as it will remove some journeys to and from state schools, which are currently at a greater distance.</p> <p>Abacus could also provide an example of how school transport can be organised to lower congestion and pollution more generally.</p> <p>As the school will grow gradually (there will around 150 pupils in 2017, 5 forms of 30 people), which will provide the school with considerable time to improve its policies before the school is fully occupied (some years down the line).</p> <p>It is good that the proposal removes the poor quality extension on the site and replaces it with a structure that is of less overall height and less overall mass.</p> <p>I strongly support the idea that the rear extension to the site should contrast in style with the existing building design. This is both practical on cost grounds and has more design rigor than a pastiche of a high quality building.</p> <p>The plans provide a good solution to playtime noise by locating external playground facilities on the roof, this solution will tend to ensure that sound propagates upwards and away from the local residences. (NB. I have considerable experience on sound propagation being an advisor for government on noise and permitted development rights for distributed energy and an expert advisor to the Noise Abatement Society).</p> <p>Currently the site includes a domestic house on Haverstock Hill, this house is not currently part of the school plans. The school would greatly benefit if this part of the site were developed to provide key worker accommodation for either young school employees who find local rents too high and/ or to provide key worker accommodation for the Royal Free Hospital for the same reasons.</p> <p>The Department for Education has decided that the site is large enough for a two-form entry school. It is clear that this decision on school size is outside the hands of the school, the schools governors and</p>

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the local authority. The only place this decision could be over-turned is with the Department of Education and the Secretary of State.
Despite the decision on size of school being outside the hands of any local stakeholders, there will be considerable advantages to the school and therefore the pupils with the resulting larger school. It will enable a more diverse curriculum to be delivered (as there will be greater resources for part time specialist teaching), such as outdoor learning, languages, drama, music, gymnastics, science and other curriculum and extra curricular activities.
