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2016/1590/P	Kate Khullar	110 Squires Lane N3 2AD	27/04/2016 17:56:18	INT	I support this new school proposal - it would be a positive addition to the area and community.
2016/1590/P	mick maple	37 downshire hill nw3 1nu	27/04/2016 23:18:05	OBJECTION	<p>I strongly object to this school proposal. The whole ethos of the school was to fulfil a need for primary school places in Belsize Park. So why is the school being located in Hampstead? This will no doubt mean that many of the children will be driven to school adding to the already bad congestion in the area. The pollution levels on the junction of the school are already above legal limits and a school for 420 children will just make this much worse. The figures given in the assessment about how many children will walk to the school are fanciful. The school is (bizarrely) right at the edge of its catchment area so using national or local averages to ascertain the numbers of children who will walk to school is a deliberate misrepresentation of the data.</p> <p>The junction across Downshire Hill at the Rosslyn Hill end is very dangerous to get across even without a large school there. Yet there is no provision in the plans for a zebra crossing across Downshire Hill. This seems to be a poor oversight. That junction will become incredibly busy and the safety of the children does not seem to have been considered.</p> <p>There are already plenty of school in Hampstead. The last thing that is needed is another school which doesn't serve the local community. The school's current website claims that the school is "in the heart of Belsize Park". Well the school is currently in Kings Cross and is planning to move to Hampstead. The school is currently 90 pupils but is planning to expand to 420. Why is this expansion necessary? I presume that a larger school is the only way that this extremely expensive, taxpayer bought site can be made to be viable. If there is a need for primary places in Belsize Park then a site should be purchased in Belsize Park and the school can indeed become the "heart of the community" there.</p>
2016/1590/P	Rachel Erlichman	3 Merton house 36 Belsize Park	28/04/2016 08:28:27	SUPPEMAYL	<p>We are waiting for this school to be open, it is important to us and to our environment. I want my son to be in this school.</p>
2016/1590/P	Giovanni Aspromi	Flat 34 Waxham Mansfield Road London NW3 2JH	28/04/2016 08:24:11	OBJ	<p>I think that doubling the size of the school will have a negative impact on the neighbouring schools which may end up with empty places and reduced funding. I believe the catchment area should be limited to Belsize Park with no overlap with the Fleet Road primary school.</p>
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2016/1590/P	Giabi Zutel	Flat 25 sheringham st johns wood park	27/04/2016 22:22:50	PETITIONSP	<p>I support this petition! Really looking forward to having this school in the neighborhood.</p>
2016/1590/P	Suzie	116 dukes avenue	27/04/2016 22:03:34	COMMENT	<p>I strongly oppose to the school as it is in the wrong place for Belsize children. It's also on a main road and will create more congestion in Hampstead as well as being a health and safety issue for the children.</p>

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2016/1590/P	Stephen Asheroit	4 Eldon Grove NW35PS	27/04/2016 21:22:40	OBJ	<p>I object to the proposed building of a school in the former police station.</p> <p>I believe that this will result in a large increase in traffic with associated congestion/pollution/noise which will be unpleasant for all residents.</p>
2016/1590/P	Meir Haktkak	47 Rosslyn Hill LONDON NW3 5UH	27/04/2016 13:55:51	INT	<p>I would like to object to this development. If it is approved, it will have a disastrous impact on local traffic and local vehicular pollution levels.</p> <p>The idea that the school will be "car free" is delusional, or at best a statement of aspiration, not reality.</p> <p>Firstly every parent knows that they can get away with dropping off kids by car, even if this involves momentary illegal parking or double parking. Picking up is a little harder, but if they give their kids a mobile they can arrange a momentary stop off. Every other school in the area provides evidence of this - the top of Arkwright is a nightmare at school peak times.</p> <p>Secondly the school's catchment is geographically distinct from the proposed new location of the school - the current catchment is an inconvenient walk but a convenient drive away. The catchment boundaries do not even include the proposed new location.</p> <p>Even if the catchment boundaries were changed to include the proposed school site, selection policy of pupils is not based on proximity. So kids will be based right across the catchment and for many this will not be a convenient walk when everyone is pressed to get to work in the morning.</p> <p>Lastly, many families move house but most of those who do so are likely to keep their children at the school, to maintain continuity for their kids and particularly with the school being listed "excellent" rated. All these families who move will be a drive away - even if they were previously walking. And with the school being rated "excellent" (which is a good thing) there are likely to be more parents rather than fewer moving into the area temporarily (but still on a bona fide basis) to access the school. Once these parents move back to wherever they would rather live (e.g. Golders Green, where family housing is better value) many will be driving their kids to school.</p> <p>Compounded with this, the Downshire/Rosslyn/Thurlow junction is already a complete nightmare. So even ignoring the additional vehicular pressure associated with the school, add to the school's pedestrian traffic to the current traffic at that junction, and traffic management will be unworkable.</p> <p>Aside from the traffic management aspect, I would like to object to this application on the basis of vehicular air borne pollution levels on Rosslyn Hill. The increased volume of stop-start traffic due to the school will increase pollution considerably. Similarly adding more stop-start to existing traffic due to pedestrian load will increase pollution. This pollution will affect residents and also (ironically) the pupils at the school. The air pollution on Rosslyn Hill is regularly at unacceptable levels.</p>

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2016/1390/P	Sandra McDermid	20 Downshire Hill	28/04/2016 05:25:07	OBJ	<p>I object to the planning application as it currently stands for multiple reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) School size is too big for the surrounding infrastructure. The streets in the area will not be able to cope with the increase in traffic at school drop off and collection times which are already a huge strain. 420 new pupils is far too many for the space, especially since it doesn't even include families who live in the nearby streets. It is also unfounded given the original proposal of 210 students (which was already significant).2) School mandate is not appropriate: Setting up a school on the edge of its catchment area is ludicrous. It doesn't make sense. I live on the street and would not be able to send my kids (who could easily walk), but families much further away will be able to use the school and will be outside of comfortable walking distance. If the school is to exist in this location, the location should become the new centre of the catchment area, phased in over a few years to allow existing families to continue to use it. If a school is needed in Belsize park rather than Hampstead, then it shouldn't be located here. If it is going to be located here, it needs to change to being a Hampstead school.3) The suggestion that children will be walking to school is unfounded. Hampstead is on a hill and the school is near the top of it (coming from Belsize). Children in the catchment area will be facing walks over 30 minutes and this is not realistic with younger children when the walks will take even longer. Especially uphill and when weather is bad (which is a high percentage of the time). I currently walk my children to their school and we are a minority. Parents don't do it, younger children can't do it and it just won't happen. Which means more traffic, pollution, aggression and anxiety around attending school.4) Traffic is going to be a nightmare: It already is. I live on the street and daily, especially at peak congestion times I see people shouting and swearing at each other over the traffic on the street. It should be a one-way street but is not, and as a result there are many cars racing down the road to beat cars coming in the opposite direction. Not only does this lead to risks for pedestrians on the street, but it causes high anxiety. Families coming to drop their kids at school will be in conflict with the cars using Downshire Hill coming from Fast Heath Road as it is a main thoroughfare for families coming from Highgate/Golders Green who are getting their kids to other Hampstead/Belsize Park schools. At school run times I would be stuck in traffic gridlock on a daily basis and be unable to leave my street with this many more children (and cars) coming to Downshire Hill.5) Safety for children is a huge concern. The school is going to be on the corner of two already busy streets which will become much more busy. Traffic flow is already a problem. There is no crosswalk to get children across Downshire Hill at Rosslyn Hill and this is a traffic pinch point with cars turning onto Downshire Hill and other cars racing up Downshire Hill to beat out oncoming cars. It is not a safe crossing now and will become more difficult with the increase in cars and foot traffic.6) The design of the building is not in keeping with the local area. Doubling its size is not appropriate in the context of the street/local area. Downshire Hill in particular is special because of the smaller, unique buildings and this will be out of proportion with its surrounding area and affect the overall feel of the street and surrounding streets.7) Designing the entrance on Downshire Hill, which is a much more narrow entrance way is inappropriate – at least two entrances should be used and the wider pavement area at Rosslyn Hill would be better for collecting parents to wait on.

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2016/1590/P	Naura Mohamed	139 Bray Fellows Road London	27/04/2016 15:19:55	SUPPORT	Dear Sir/Madam, I would welcome the proposal of this new school. The area has shortage of public schools and the waiting list is very long. The police station was vital to the community but the alternative option to the conversion into a school that can cover the necessity of the parents of having new school. I would welcome the decision of this change of use from police station to class D1 of school.
2016/1590/P	Meehal israni	Meehal israni 96 Ivor court Gloucester place London Nw1 6bp	27/04/2016 15:14:39	SUPPORT	It is essential that this building is turned to a school. The building deserves to be brought to good use that will better the community and the future generation.

Application No: 2016/1390/P
Consultees Name: Gerald & Sheridan Lewis
Consultees Addr: 4 Hampstead Hill Gardens NW3 2PL
Received: 27/04/2016 19:37:02
Comment: COMMENT

Response:
I hope that the application for the new school in the old Hampstead police station will be rejected. There are very strong reasons for rejection.

- 1: The 420 pupil school will make it one of the largest schools in Hampstead. But it is not intended for Hampstead children: it is for the Belsize catchment.
- 2: The developers claim it will be a car-free school. This is pure fantasy. At least 200 cars will add to the daily congestion that already reduces Hampstead to gridlock twice daily; it is clearly nonsense to expect young children to walk or bike some of the distances involved.
- 3: The building is obviously inadequate for its proposed use. Thus the necessity for an intrusive extension. The absence of outdoor space also means an inappropriate rooftop playground.
- 3: The extension will mean two years of disruptive construction- the largest project of this kind in central Hampstead in 25 years. All for a school which should be in a different building in its proper catchment area. (This in addition to other traffic plans for the area which will certainly intensify the problem.)
- 4: With more than 400 pupils, parents, minders and staff, street congestion at the Rosslyn Hill/Dowishire Hill corner will be acute.
- 5: There are already 55 schools in Hampstead. If there is a need for a school in Belsize, this plan is certainly not the best solution. Half of its potential pupil population comes from Kilburn, Cricklewood, Regent's Park and other areas. Siting the school in Hampstead is simple commercial opportunism. Suggestions that the catchment area should be extended are pure jerry-mandering and must be legally questionable.

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Sent from my iPhone

2016/1390/P Claire Nightingale 12 Baptist Gardens 27/04/2016 22:39:36 NOBJ I fully support the need for permanent premises for a much needed state school. It is a great change of use; far better for the Camden community than luxury flats for the super rich.

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2016/1590/P	Amanda Gacheffe	Flat 184 E Haverstock Hill Belsize Park Hampstead London	27/04/2016 18:54:35	PETTINSU PP	My son shall be attending Abacus in September. We are very excited by this as it was our first choice as we are not practicing Catholics. Choosing a school that was local but would academically allow my child to thrive became easier knowing that Abacus exists and would become as I live in Belsize Park. This will be an attribute to our community and must proceed with taking its residency at the Hampstead Police station.
2016/1590/P	Stuzie	116 dukes avenue	27/04/2016 22:03:56	COMMENT	I strongly oppose to the school as it is in the wrong place for Belsize children. It's also on a main road and will create more congestion in Hampstead as well as being a health and safety issue for the children.
2016/1590/P	Jodie Perry	Flat 1 22 Belsize Square	27/04/2016 20:49:19	COMMENT	I fully support the application for the old police station to become Abacus school. Belsize Park has a very desperate need for a high quality free non-religious school. A school that the parents and children can walk to and keep the community building benefiting the community. What better way to benefit the community than educate our young children with high quality in the home area.
2016/1590/P	Krista Peppler Krista Peppler Peppler	15 Village Close Belsize Lane NW3 5AH NW3 5AH	27/04/2016 14:49:00	SUPPRT	The former police station is a wonderful building that deserves a new life as an outstanding primary school. Would the voices of dissent have preferred a residential developer to have ownership to convert the building the luxury flats? Or for the building to remain vacant and fall into disrepair? I think not. I personally can't think of a better use for the building than the school.
2016/1590/P	John Gerson	249 Kennington Road	27/04/2016 17:44:49	INT	I am an interested party both because I have a grandchild at the school concerned and because I am a Londoner with an interest in the diversity and quality of the city. Part of the attraction of Hampstead is its reputation, along with Bloomsbury's, as a centre for London's intellectual life, with education as its basis. I therefore strongly support the proposal for the use of this building. It also seems to me peculiarly appropriate for a building designed for a public service such as the Police to maintain its public service character by conversion to a genuinely public school. The objections that I have seen do not appear to me to be cogent. Some of the claims used (for example for the volume of traffic) smack of the wilder claims of some participants in the Brexit debate. But above all, it is surely no disadvantage to a neighbourhood to exchange a facility no longer needed for enforcing the law with one improving the opportunities of local children.

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2016/1590/P	Shira Goren	Flat 3 69 Canfield gardens NW6 3EA NW6 3EA NW6 3EA	27/04/2016 14:46:56	SUPPORT	I support Abacus belsize primary school and its plans for the new permanent site.
2016/1590/P	John Gerson	249 Kennington Road	27/04/2016 17:44:27	INT	<p>I am an interested party both because I have a grandchild at the school concerned and because I am a Londoner with an interest in the diversity and quality of the city. Part of the attraction of Hampstead is its reputation, along with Bloomsbury's, as a centre for London's intellectual life, with education as its basis.</p> <p>I therefore strongly support the proposal for the use of this building. It also seems to me peculiarly appropriate for a building designed for a public service such as the Police to maintain its public service character by conversion to a genuinely public school.</p> <p>The objections that I have seen do not appear to me to be cogent. Some of the claims used (for example for the volume of traffic) smack of the wilder claims of some participants in the Brexit debate. But above all, it is surely no disadvantage to a neighbourhood to exchange a facility no longer needed for enforcing the law with one improving the opportunities of local children.</p> <p>John Gerson John Gerson CMG Visiting Senior Fellow Policy Institute School of Social Science & Public Policy King's College London</p>
2016/1590/P	B Collins	23 Brocas Close NW3 3LD	27/04/2016 13:18:35	SUPPLEMENTARY	We fully support the planning application for Abacus School. It provides a much needed secular primary state school option in an oversubscribed area.
2016/1590/P	Nitika Israni	19 college crescent London nw3 5ll	27/04/2016 15:10:36	SUPPORT	I am in support of the police station being changed to a school. As a parent I feel very strongly as the community needs a good school so our children can flourish. This school will be an asset to the community.

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2016/1590/P	Adam Winslow	12 Thurlow Road London NW35JL	27/04/2016 21:57:47	OBJ	<p>We wish to write to express our strong opposition to the proposal to build a school at the site of the former Hampstead Police station.</p> <p>The traffic congestion in the local area is already reaching extreme levels at the school drop off and pick up times. It is near impossible to move around on the roads at that time - buses included. The pavements are of a similar position and far too busy - more traffic (road and pedestrian) can only increase risks of injury.</p> <p>We also have strong concerns about the existing high levels of pollution in the area - this proposal can only make things worse.</p> <p>We trust this will be recorded appropriately and thank you in advance for your help</p>
2016/1590/P	Mrs Ann Cannon	36 Heath Hurst Road London NW3 2RX	27/04/2016 19:38:08	INT	<p>Dear Sir / Madam I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the proposed development within this application. The upper area of Hampstead leading to Fitzjohns Avenue becomes massively congested every single weekday at school drop off and pick up time. This congestion would be reproduced on an even more massive scale around the site of the proposed development at the top of Downshire Hill, making the whole of Hampstead a congestion nightmare during school drop off and pick up times. The streets of Hampstead are simply not built to cope with the volume of traffic as it is, let alone adding the commute of an additional estimated 500 parents, children and staff members converging at the top of Downshire Hill twice a day. In addition to this, the length and scale of construction (2 years at least) would be massively disruptive to the area which will also be subjected to building works at the Royal Free, escape traffic from the cycle superhighway works on the Finchley Road and a Sainsbury's development in Belsize Park. I would say again, Hampstead as a whole, and especially that section of it is totally and wholly unsuited to this type of development and I oppose it fully.</p>
2016/1590/P	Nikhil Mansukhani	FIRST FLOOR FLAT 19 COLLEGE CRESCENT LONDON	27/04/2016 15:10:10	SUPPRT	<p>I support the planning permission for the new school and have no objections for Abacus moving to the Hampstead Police station. The existing school needs a new building and would be essential to have a new premises in the Catchment area. The school will be an asset to the community.</p>

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2016/1590/P	Sophie Chan	Flat 1 102 fellows rd NW3 3JH	27/04/2016 14:54:12	COMMENT	I highly support the plans to convert the listed building. A community school is a fantastic use for such a building, and it is important that it is converted to meet the modern demands of education, and to school a substantial number of pupils, in a borough where there is a shortage of places, especially within secular schools such as Abacus. Whilst I understand that plans for changes to listed buildings should be carefully considered, I think it is also important to understand that in such circumstances, the move to a permanent premises for the school should be prioritised for the sake of all its pupils and staff, so they can feel truly settled and to make long-term plans. I also think the plans are fantastic and aesthetically pleasing, and make the most of the space available. I hope the response to such plans lead to a positive step forward in the conversion.
2016/1590/P	Enyur Fairburn	21 Barnsbury Square	27/04/2016 14:39:10	COMMENT	Camden should invest in its children and accept these plans as quickly as possible, rather than allow the minority of voices to disable such a wonderful school. I
2016/1590/P	Lily Druian	Flat 2 downside lodge 29 upper park road NW3 2uy	27/04/2016 22:51:38	SUPPORT	I completely support this application as there is a desperate needs for more school places in London. This is an incredibly opportunity for the community to have an 'outstanding' rated school on their doorstep. What better use for a public building than a community school. As a parent in the area, I support this commercial change as it is crucial to the future of our children to have a bigger building to this amazing school.
2016/1590/P	Mayur Patel	29 St Crispins Close Hampstead Heath London NW3 2QJ	27/04/2016 17:40:11	COMMENT ER	I work in Education recruitment and where there is already a shortage of quality teaching staff in the UK, a school closure will have a hugely negative impact on the progression for the current generation.
2016/1590/P	Nanae Yasuda	Flat 10 adamsfields 28 adamson rd NW3 3J3	27/04/2016 19:02:38	SUPPORT	I am in full support of the opening of Abacus primary school at the site. I am hopeful that the school will have its home there so that my children can receive excellent education.
2016/1590/P	Alain Declercq	Flat 16 Northways College ersesent NW3 5DR london	27/04/2016 14:30:31	SUPPORT	I fully support the proposed development of the former police station. This will provide an already outstanding team with great premises to teach in good conditions.